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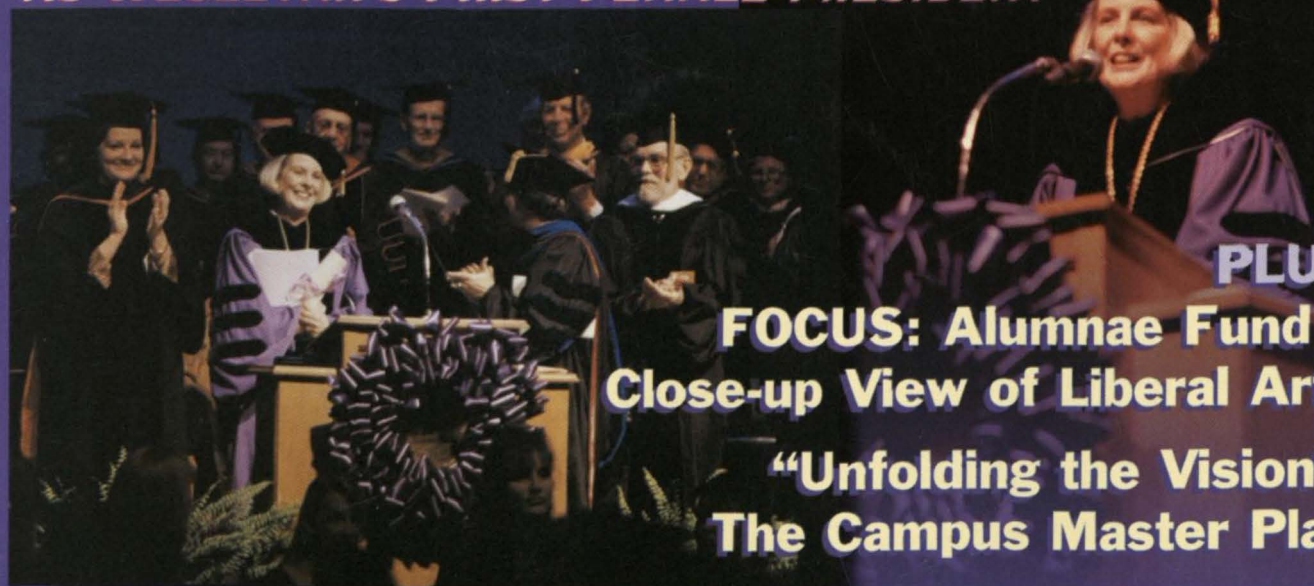
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Poems, Prayers, & Promises



**THE INAUGURATION OF NORA KIZER BELL
AS WESLEYAN'S FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT**



PLUS

**FOCUS: Alumnae Fund a
Close-up View of Liberal Arts**

**"Unfolding the Vision":
The Campus Master Plan**

Moving the World

As you'll see in the introduction to my Inaugural Address — and as you've heard me quote on several occasions on campus — I believe what Dr. William Holmes Ellison, a former president of Wesleyan, told an early graduating class:

Woman is the moral Archimedes — her lever is love...and moves the world.

Women, as we have seen through 162 years of Wesleyan College's history, do indeed move the world. We saw ample evidence of that during our Inaugural Season. Think of the Wesleyan women who were featured — women who themselves grew strong because of the strength of the place Wesleyan offered them to stand:

Janice Mays '73 — the Democratic Chief Counsel of the Committee on Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives. **Kathryn Stripling Byer '66** — award-winning poet-in-residence at Western Carolina University and teacher. **Christine Olson Sibley '70** — ceramic artist whose works adorn the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Piedmont Park. **Nadine Cheek Jurgensen '79** — Wesleyan's Mildred Goodrum Heyward Professor of Music, whose gorgeous voice graced the inaugural concert. **Charlene Payne Kammerer '70** — first woman bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. **Harriette James Simmons '64** — rector of Christ Episcopal Church here in Macon. **Lu McElroy Steed '58** — an Atlanta artist whose works have been exhibited and lauded throughout the Southeast. **Lucretia Octavia Tripp '80** — Aerospace education specialist with NASA. **Sandra Deer '62** — celebrated playwright and author of *So Long on Lonely Street* and *Gal Baby*. **Paula Flannery Lytle '80** — Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Savannah. **Carol King Pope '59** — Rocky Mount, North Carolina, artist whose works have been featured in shows throughout the Southeast. **Every Wesleyan artist showcased at the gala at the Museum of Arts and Sciences.**

And, **Ruth Austin Knox '75** — attorney-at-law, and the strong and incredibly capable leader of the Wesleyan Board of Trustees.

Each of these women, representatives of generations of Wesleyan graduates, has stood on Wesleyan ground and grasped the lever. They are moving the world. And these women are but a cross-section of the Wesleyan women through history who have moved, and will move, the world.

I am proud to be chosen to lead this great institution. I pledge my support and love to you — as *you* move the world.

NORA KIZER BELL

On the Cover

February 21, 1998, was a historic occasion for Wesleyan and for women's education the world over, when Nora Kizer Bell was installed as the first female president of the first college chartered to grant degrees to women.



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In the Fall 1997 Wesleyan Magazine, you read the outline of President Bell's exciting "Vision for Wesleyan 2002." In this issue, you'll find a special pull-out section titled "Unfolding the Vision" — based on President Bell's description of that vision as she presented it on Inauguration Day.

Excerpts from the new Campus Master Plan are also included.

Additional copies of "Unfolding the Vision" are available from the President's Office.

THE INAUGURAL SEASON

We knew last July that something different was in the air here at Wesleyan . . . the debut of the new general-education curriculum, the anticipation and planning for a presidential inauguration, the announcement of a master plan for the campus. Throughout this busy Inaugural season, Wesleyan has showcased its heritage as “First for Women.” The fact that it’s also been a fruitful year for scholarship, research, and student, faculty, and alumnae achievements demonstrates that Wesleyan remains out front. Coverage of Inaugural Week begins on page 6.



LEADING THE WAY: Worship-service flag bearers Melissa Lockert '00 (left) and Hannah Callender '01 eagerly anticipate the beginning of Inaugural Day activities.

Amy Blackmarr returns to familiar ground to promote new book

It's been a long and interesting road for author Amy Blackmarr, from her days as a piano major at Wesleyan in the 1970s, to Valdosta State University, and later to a fishing cabin near Ocilla,

Georgia, and a “treehouse” in Lawrence, Kansas. The Ocilla cabin was the locale for her collection of essays, *Going to Ground: Simple Life on a Georgia Pond* (Viking, 1997).

Amy was in Macon last fall to sign copies of her book at Barnes & Noble. Like Thoreau and Willa Cather, she believes her work must “resonate with the land” — though she cites Ray Bradbury, Raymond Carver, and Charles Dickens as the three fiction writers who have influenced her work most directly. Her next book, *House of Steps*, based on the Kansas house she is occupying while completing her doctorate at the University of Kansas, is due

out from Penguin this June.

Amy's aunt, Helen Blackmarr Outler '53, attended the Macon event, along with Amy's uncle, W. H. Blackmarr. Amy's mother, Sydney Willis Blackmarr '54, is also a Wesleyan alumna.

Osborn duo presents communication as “bridge to the liberal arts”

Michael Osborn, professor emeritus of Memphis University and former president of the National Communication Association, and Suzanne Osborn, consultant and educator, visited the Wesleyan campus December 3–4, 1997, to lead a convocation program, class sessions, and informal discussions with students. The husband-and-wife Ph.D. team are the authors of the textbook *Public Speaking*.

“They inspired me to look beyond the familiar jobs in communication and push myself to venture into other fields with my communication background,” said Sarah Weeks, a communication major in the class of 1998. Students



WELL GROUNDED: Helen Blackmarr Outler '53 (center) and W. H. Blackmarr (left) accompanied their niece, writer Amy Blackmarr, at a Macon book-signing.

appreciated the Osborns' approachability, enthusiasm, and comprehensive outlook; Student Government Association president Nancy Hemingway '99 "found them to be very down-to-earth, humorous, and caring people."

Senior Erica Collingsworth, in a critique session on speech presentations, learned that "women have a tendency to be overly humble in the introductions of their speeches — almost to the point of being apologetic." (Thanks to the Osborns and similar learning experiences that are an integral part of a Wesleyan education, it's not likely that Wesleyan women will suffer such problems too greatly!) The college's appreciation goes to Cindy Buell of the Communication department for organizing the event.

WomenFolk

WomenFolk brings "outsider" perspective to the arts

What is art?" once asked folk sculptor Bessie Harvey. "That's a really big question, and I'd like to know an answer." In one of the most inclusive showings of women's vernacular art ever brought together in one gallery, Wesleyan's WomenFolk exhibition March 23 – April 5 shone the spotlight on the works of folk artists past and present. The event, which featured quilts of Harriet Powers, Lucinda Toomer, Jesse Telfair, and Arester Earl; sculptures of Mae Tarver and Bessie Harvey; pottery by Marie Rogers and Grace Hewell; and paintings by Linda Anderson, Mattie Lou O'Kelley, Nellie Mae Rowe, and Lizzie Wilkerson, was only one of the highlights in a fortnight of activities celebrating Georgia's "outsider" women artists.

Performing arts were showcased as



"ANIMALS":

Folk artist Lizzie Mae Wilkerson's work appeared in the WomenFolk show.

Honey in the Rock performed during inaugural week, as an early kickoff event for WomenFolk.

The April 23 symposium, coordinated by exhibit curator Nyssa Hattaway '93 and associate professor of art Libby Bailey, also brought two renowned art historians to campus. Judy McWillie of the University of Georgia and Maud Wahlman of the University of Central Florida gave slide presentations and lectures following the opening of the WomenFolk exhibition.

A comprehensive catalog of the exhibition, prepared by curator Nyssa Hattaway, is available for \$10 from the Wesleyan College Bookstore (912-757-5233).

Jim Rowan delivers first Honors Lecture

It isn't easy to design experiments that show how animals and humans learn, but psychology professor Jim Rowan has found a unique approach. Using a device that rewards rats when they've correctly learned to repeat a programmed sequence of actions, Rowan and the Wesleyan students assisting him have made some interesting discoveries concerning memory and cognition.

Rowan discussed the ongoing research in an April 9 lecture to a large audience of students and colleagues in Taylor Amphitheatre. The event was the first annual Honors Lecture, a recognition established and chosen by the students in the Honors Program.

well. Betty Smith of Hot Springs, North Carolina, gave a folk-music concert March 24. Earlier in the semester, African-American singers Sweet

Wesleyan hosts "Myth and Philosophy" meeting

What contribution can the discipline of philosophy make to the study of myths? That was the question posed on April 18 and 19 when some of the world's foremost scholars of religions and philosophy gathered at Wesleyan. The conference, organized by Kevin Schilbrack, associate professor of philosophy and religion at Wesleyan, also featured as presenters Robert A. Segal of the University of Lancaster, England; J. Baird Callicott of the University of North Texas; Milton Scarborough of Centre College; Tina Pippin of Agnes Scott College; Robert McCauley of Emory University; Thomas Lawson of the University of Western Michigan; and Mary Gerhart and Allan Russell of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Wesleyan students participated in the conference, and Jeff Prudhomme, associate professor of philosophy and religion, served as a respondent. W



WORLD TRAVELERS: Glenna Dod (left), Wesleyan's D. Abbot Turner Professor of Free Enterprise, spent the summer of 1997 on a Fulbright program in Singapore and Malaysia with Charlotte Smith Pfeiffer '65, a professor of English at Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Georgia. The program was titled "Fulbright Scholars' Views on Culture and Diversity." Professor Dod also attended a Fulbright program in Bulgaria during her spring 1998 sabbatical.

Wesleyan alumnae help students FOCUS on the liberal arts

by Heather S. Carter

For the past nine years, the Entrepreneurship Seminar for business majors, founded by alumnae Lou Beller '64, Alexis Xides Bighley '67, Diane A. Lumpkin '63, and Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63, has proved to be one of the most popular learning experiences in Wesleyan's repertoire. The program was such an effective model, in fact, that its benefactors agreed to expand its scope to other fields of interest as well. And thus the FOCUS Seminar was born.

It's subtitled "Linking Liberal Arts and Life"—and that's just what students were able to do November 2–6, 1997, during the first of the interdisciplinary seminars. The multi-day event "focused" on careers in communication and art (the plan is that two fields will be highlighted each semester). Students were able to see firsthand how different spheres of learning connect with one another and with the working world.

Alumnae as inspiring examples

Participants in the FOCUS program toured the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Cable News Network, the High Museum of Art, and TMP Worldwide Advertising in Atlanta. Also, alumnae representing many fields returned to Wesleyan to share their expertise and career perspectives during FOCUS seminars and the symposium. The range of their professional activities illustrates how widely applicable they found the liberal arts:

- Kristine Kuchinski '87, a veterinarian with her own private practice/consultation service, lectured on what it's like to work with rare birds.

- Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63 gave a seminar on crisis management based on the novel *Jurassic Park*. Pfeiffer is former executive vice president of finance and administration for Computer Business Applications, Inc., a multi-million dollar operation in Glendale, California. She is currently president of Cedar Haven, Inc., a holding company in Nevada that is

developing a wildlife sanctuary in Idaho.

- Lou Beller '64 lectured on how to make millions using programming skills and the bottom line, whether in nations, industries, or personal life. Beller is one of three principal partners in Alon Miller Associates, an international data processing/management consulting firm based in New York.

- Cyndey Costello '92 shared information about her field, media sales, during a discussion of the trend in communication job opportunities and the undiscovered job potential of communication sales and marketing.

- Graphic artist Jen Shermer '95 led a seminar on careers in art. Shermer is the chief graphic designer and art director for Bright Ideas Group in Macon. In 1997, she supervised a project that won the prestigious American Graphic Design Award.

- Lynn Lasseter Heard '87 talked about "The Circle of Success and its Essential Components." Her lecture focused on hiring, training, and keeping the right people. Heard is manager of Residence Inn in Macon.

- Diane Mize Prewett '95 led a seminar on video opportunities in education, including video conferencing, distance learning, and educational videos in the classroom. Prewett, an Encore graduate, is coordinator for distance learning at Georgia College & State University. She and her husband have founded a new property management company, MP Squared.

- Encore graduate Sue McMaster Sanda '97 discussed opportunities in healthcare communication and marketing. Sanda recently graduated from Wesleyan as Most Outstanding Senior in



PRESSING DUTIES: Senior communications majors Sarah Weeks (left), Lisa Hyman (center), and Bianca Venuto learn how things are done at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution printing plant.

communication. She is a marketing representative with Davidson Retirement Properties, Inc.

In addition to the seminars, students attended workshops led by Bighley, Lumpkin, and Pfeiffer. While Bighley focused on direct mail advertising, Lumpkin offered tips on how to maintain personal image, and Pfeiffer talked about incentive plans for employees. Alumnae were on hand to meet and talk with students during breaks and scheduled "networking" times.

Leslie Harris: The "focus" is on film

One of the main highlights of FOCUS was a convocation with filmmaker Leslie Harris. One of today's hottest young filmmakers, Harris was awarded a special 1993 Sundance Film Festival jury prize for her achievement as a first-time filmmaker with her movie *Just Another Girl on the IRT*. The movie opened to critical acclaim nationwide and was shown on the Wesleyan campus as part of the fall film series prior to Harris' program. Born in Cleveland, Harris earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Denison University and studied in Aix-en-Provence, France. She is a member of Women Make Movies, the Black Filmmakers Foundation, and the Association of Film and Video Makers.

From advertising to art

Perhaps the most enlightening part of FOCUS was the field trip to Atlanta, where students saw firsthand how advertising agencies, major television networks, and large daily newspapers get their work done each day. The trip began at TMP Worldwide Advertising, the world's largest recruitment advertising agency. Sally Flannagan Neal '70 led the tour of TMP's Atlanta office. Neal's former firm, Flannagan Neal Associates, was bought by TMP in 1995. At TMP, students learned about different positions in the advertising industry and what goes into a successful advertising campaign, domestic and international. Neal, who has remained with TMP, has been active in the Atlanta and national

business communities for 25 years.

A tour of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* was next on the day's agenda. Students saw the production, press, and circulation areas of one of the largest newspapers in the country, while learning about different careers in the newspaper industry.

Down the street at Cable News Network, students got a behind-the-scenes look at live broadcasts of CNN and CNN Headline News shows. Students learned how some special effects are achieved in films and television, and saw how Ted Turner built the most widely recognized cable television empire in the world today.

While some students were touring CNN, Shantras Lakes '90 led another

group on a tour of the High Museum of Art. Lakes is the museum's coordinator of family and community programs. Lakes discussed various aspects of museum work: administration, public relations, and curatorship. The entire contingent of students, faculty, and alumnae finished the multi-day experience with valuable exposure to the many ways an liberal arts education translates into the "real world."

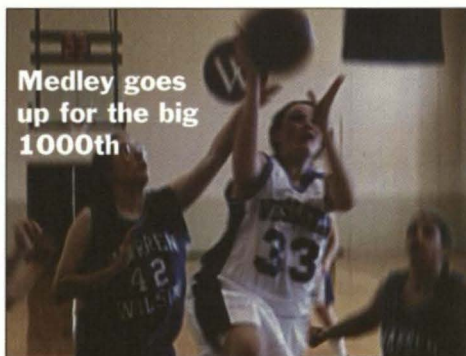
Many thanks from the Wesleyan faculty and students to all the alumnae and benefactors who have made FOCUS possible. Watch upcoming Wesleyan publications for news of next fall's FOCUS activities. ■

Wesleyan sports 1997-98: A "banner" year

Wesleyan Basketball added another name to its 1000-Point Club banner on February 21, when senior Karri Medley became the college's second student-athlete to achieve the goal. With soccer victories over Agnes Scott College and a national equestrian championship, Wesleyan is poised to move into a new phase of growth and achievement in intercollegiate sports.

by Lori Mazza, Athletic Director and Barbara A. Brannon

The equestrian team finished its regular season on March 28, with the Hunt Seat Team finishing in third place and the Western Horsemanship Team finishing first place in Zone 5, Region 4 Competition. And although this was only the first year of competition for Wesleyan's Western Horsemanship Team (which finished in second place at the Affiliated National Riding Commission Southeastern Regional Championships), a Wesleyan student, Jessica Salter, was named national champion in Intermediate Western Horsemanship at the national ISHA tournament in Port Jervis, New York, May 1 (look for more in the summer *Wesleyan College News*; the story broke as this magazine was going to press). For the sixth year in a row, Wesleyan has qualified a rider for the IHSA National Championships.



The Equestrian Team included twenty students — an 82% increase over last year and the largest number of members ever. Thirty-one students participated in the Equestrian Program overall.

Basketball. Basketball had another successful season, finishing with a 13-12 record (seven home games were broadcast locally on WGNM-TV 64). Senior Karri Medley scored her 1,000th point on Senior Day, against Warren Wilson College. Next year's team will be led by Jeannette Jackson '99, Chanel Thomas '00, and Hannah Callender '01, with a strong group of incoming recruits.

Soccer. Five years of experience in NCAA soccer have yielded the Wesleyan team's first wins. The soccer team finished its season at 4-14-1, showing improvement throughout the season; several games were narrow losses. Next year's team members are

truly excited about the 1998-99 season and have already begun their off-season workouts.

Volleyball. Volleyball had a productive season, with a 5-18 record against a group of tough opponents. The team's hard work and perseverance will provide a firm foundation for next year's season. Two of next year's recruits were named to All-Region teams, and one was named to an All-State team.

Softball. The softball players, despite a 2-15 record, are learning how to mesh well as a team — a team that is only now finishing its second year of official league play. Recruiting efforts are concentrating on improved pitching and building on strong interests from girls in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. Head Coach Rob Brunel is looking forward to continued improvement in 1998-99.

Tennis. Tennis, too, is expecting to strengthen its performance under coach Jaime Kaplan. An increased level of competition in the 1997-98 year resulted in a 2-6 season.

The coaches and athletic director recognized the outstanding performance of Wesleyan athletes during the Athletics Banquet on April 14. Senior Shelby Smith was honored as Student-Athlete of the Year, and senior Karri Medley took home honors as Athlete of the Year. ■

Reporting by Barbara A. Brannon, Heather S. Carter, and Beverly D. Peavy

AN INAUGURAL *Album*

WESLEYAN COLLEGE INSTALLS ITS FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT, FEBRUARY 21, 1998

Preparations for the big week

IN JANUARY, INVITATIONS began arriving in mailboxes. Colleges and universities around the nation began sending their congratulations. Students and graduates turned to shopping for party clothes.

But few realized that preparations for the February 21 presidential inauguration had been under way for months. From the time that Chair of the Board of Trustees Ruth Austin Knox '75 appointed the inauguration committee in fall 1997, every department and office of Wesleyan College worked to prepare

for the biggest celebration the campus had seen in years.

"An inauguration is . . . about giving a president a good start," according to the chair of Harvard University's most recent presidential inauguration.* For the alumnae, students, parents, faculty, staff, and trustees of Wesleyan College, the inaugural season was a way of giving President Nora Kizer Bell a good start — but also of calling the world's attention to

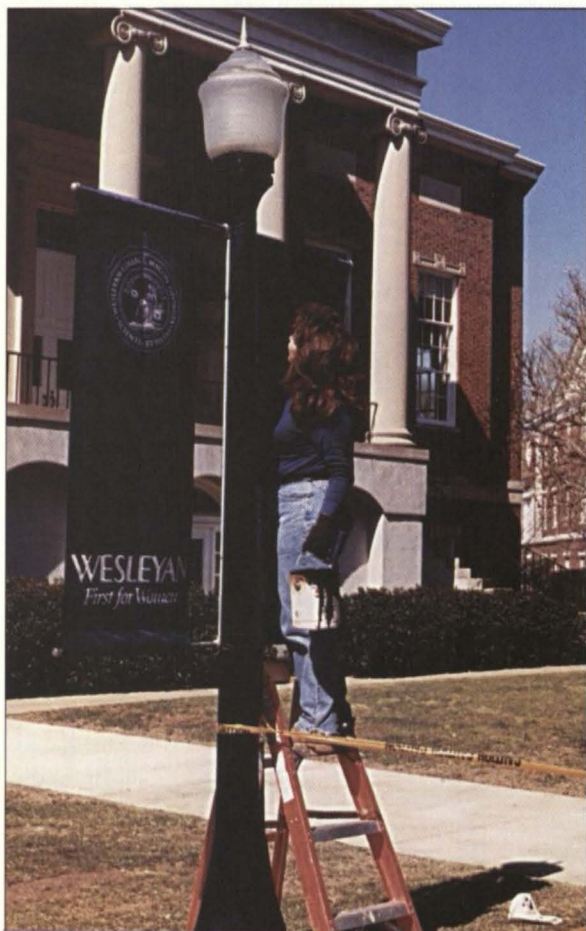
Wesleyan's historic role as the first college chartered to grant degrees to women. The eyes of the world would be watching, and everyone wanted Wesleyan to look its best!

The Physical Plant and grounds crews worked overtime for weeks before the event itself, making repairs, painting facades, and beautifying the landscape. The decorations committee, headed by Frances Bruce Van Horn '53, swathed the campus in purple, from banners on the lampposts, to wreaths on every door and gate, to flags flying in the breeze. By the official opening day, February 15, every detail was in place, and Wesleyan was ready to welcome guests from across the nation. — BAB

*Quoted in *Presidential Inaugurations: Planning for More Than Just Pomp and Circumstance* (CASE Publications, 1993).



BACK IN PLACE: The two-ton iron weathervane was returned to its place of honor atop the Porter Gymnasium — it had been knocked down in a storm several years ago.



SPRUCING UP THE CAMPUS: Physical plant crew members worked overtime to prepare for the week's events. Above, Tina Chairmont mounts purple banners on the Front Quad lampposts.

SEAL OF APPROVAL:

Frances Van Horn, director of campus and community events, constructed purple-and-gold wreaths featuring the updated college seal design.



"Firsts for Women"

Throughout the week, the emphasis was on the achievements of women — specifically, of Wesleyan women. Friday's symposium treated Wesleyan as a "port of entry" for several Wesleyan graduates who have gone on to attain national recognition: chief counsel for the House Ways and Means Committee Janice Mays '73, poet and educator Kathryn Srtipling Byer '66, and Lucretia Octavia Tripp '80, NASA education specialist. In the absence of Bishop Charlene Payne Kammerer '70, Ruth Austin Knox '75 moderated the session. —BAB



PORT OF ENTRY: Above left, Margaret Munroe Thrower '34 and Julia Munroe Woodward '34 sign the guest book. Far left, Kay Byer '66 talks about her career as poet and educator. Left, Janice Mays '73 explains that a woman's place is indeed in the House. Below: President Bell speaks with Octavia Tripp '80.



Barbara Bush

April 2, 1998

Dear Students,

I am thrilled to learn about Wesleyan College Volunteers Against Illiteracy's tremendous commitment to the citizens of Macon, Georgia, and George joins me in thanking you for your effort to help build a more literate America.

You could not lend your time to a more worthy or urgent cause. Good basic skills are absolutely necessary to function well in our complex society. The ability to read and write can make a real difference in all aspects of life.

Literacy is everyone's business and with people like you, committed to the great principle of neighbor helping neighbor, the dream of a more literate America will become a reality.

Warmly,

Barbara Bush

You truly strengthen the country; a more literate work force and happier families!

A Celebration of Community Literacy

Since 1989, the lives of nearly 2,000 adults in Middle Georgia have been touched by Wesleyan women who tutor through the Wesleyan Volunteers Against Illiteracy program. On February 17, as part of Inaugural Week festivities, nearly 100 people filled the Benson Room in Candler Alumnae Center to recognize the selfless work of the 1997-98 student volunteers and the perseverance of the adults whose lives have forever been changed by learning to read.

According to several students who shared their experiences as volunteers, it is hard to know who is touched more deeply — the students or the adults. Stephanie Dunda, class of 2001, said she is constantly inspired by her client who is working diligently toward her goal of passing the GED test. "When I write in my journal," Stephanie relates, "I often wonder 'who was the teacher and who was the student?'"

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The best of the liberal arts: Wesleyan's Inaugural Lecture and Performance Series

The brainchild of Dean Priscilla Danhieser, the Inaugural Lecture and Performance Series was designed to recognize the vigor and variety of scholarship, research, and creativity on the Wesleyan campus. It also served to honor the patrons and representatives of Wesleyan's endowed professorships. Lectures were held nightly, February 15 through February 18. "A Musical Salute to President Bell" wrapped up the series Friday evening, February 20, in Porter Auditorium. —BAB

SUNDAY
February 15

Inaugural Lecture & Performance Series I

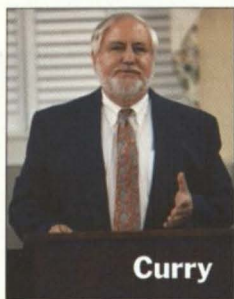
Joseph A. Iskra, Jr., *Herbert Preston and Marian Haley Associate Professor of Mathematics*
TONE ROWS AND MODULAR ARITHMETIC:
AN INTERDISCIPLINARY EXAMPLE
Ronald B. Toll, *Munroe Professor of Life Sciences*
BIODIVERSITY: DON'T LEAVE HOME
WITHOUT (CHECKING ON) IT



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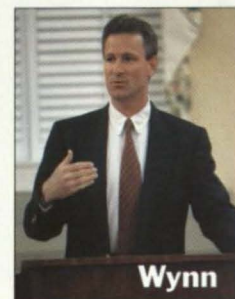


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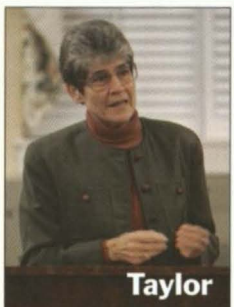
MONDAY
February 16

Inaugural Lecture & Performance Series II

Charles Taylor Wynn, *Alumnae Professor of Education*
DECISION MAKING AND POSTFORMAL THOUGHT:
PROMOTING COGNITIVE GROWTH THROUGH
SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTION
William Leonard Curry, *Eleanor McDonald Storza Professor
of Social Science*
THE SERIAL MURDERER: A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE



Wynn



Taylor

WEDNESDAY
February 18

Inaugural Lecture & Performance Series III

Delmas S. Crisp, Jr., *Fuller E. Callaway Professor of English*
THREE FACES OF CRESSIDA: DIFFERENCES AMONG CHAUCER,
HENRYSON, AND SHAKESPEARE
Leah Marcile Taylor, *Knox Professor of Humanities; Dupont Guerry
Professor of History and Economics*
'HOW MANY EARS MUST ONE MAN HAVE,...': PROTEST AND
THE WAR IN VIETNAM



Crisp



Eikner and Jurgensen

FULL HOUSE:

Crowds filled the Benson Room each evening for lectures on a wide spectrum of topics.



FRIDAY
February 20

Inaugural Lecture & Performance Series IV

A Musical Salute to President Bell featuring
Charles Edward Eikner, Jr., *Catherine L. Comer
Professor of Fine Arts* ∞ *Nadine Cheek Jurgensen '79,
Mildred Goodrum Heyward Professor of Music*

A showcase for the arts

Inaugural activities honored President Bell in a variety of fitting ways, by featuring the visual, literary, and performing arts throughout the week. The opening event, in fact, was an art exhibition — an invitational show featuring the works of Wesleyan faculty, student, and alumnae artists.



THEATRE TRIO: From left: Playwright Sandra Deer '62, Dean of the College Priscilla Danheiser, and assistant professor of theatre Frazer Lively.

"Life and important things..."

Playwright Sandra Deer '62 spoke to the Wesleyan community February 17 about "Life and Important Things Like That" (her title was taken from a line spoken by one of her characters), during an inaugural convocation in Porter Auditorium. Deer is the author of theater hits *Gal Baby* and *So Long on Lonely Street* and has worked extensively with Atlanta's Alliance Theatre. Last fall she served as writer-in-residence at Mercer

University in Macon.

Deer reminisced about the first time that she realized that she wanted to be a playwright. "It took place right on this stage," she said. "I had been chairman of the STUNT Committee, and we had worked hard on our STUNT." Deer's class rehearsed late each night and ran into some problems with the skit. "After one particularly heated rehearsal, a friend came to me and said, 'People don't like the STUNT. Maybe we should change it.'"

Deer said a major part of knowing what you're doing is knowing when to allow change and when to stay your course. She chose to stay with her script, and she was definitely rewarded.

"It was like a miracle! It came alive in a way that was very exciting. Everyone was cheering and applauding, and I stood up here and thought 'This is what I want to do with my life: to write things that make people feel this way.'" Deer shared a few other Wesleyan memories and insights from her life and encouraged Wesleyan students to hear in themselves what life is calling them to do.

"A Musical Tribute"

Edward Eikner, Jr., and Nadine Cheek Jurgensen '79 presented "A Musical Tribute to President Bell" in Porter Auditorium on the eve of Inauguration Day. Mezzo-soprano Jurgensen per-



LU MCELROY STEED '62 shows one of her canvases to an appreciative President Bell.

formed an uplifting program of selections by Handel, Schubert, Schumann, and Richard Strauss, along with pieces by Dvořák, Copland, and Bridge, and Richard Rogers's "Climb Ev'ry Mountain." In addition to accompanying Jurgensen, Eikner performed "Am Meer" and "Ständchen" by Schubert and Liszt, and "Three Humoresques" by Dvořák.

— HSC

THE WEEK'S ARTISTS and scholars were honored at a Friday evening reception sponsored by ARAMARK and the Museum of Arts & Sciences.



Touching the Past through the Arts

Beginning with a lilting wave of voices as the Wesleyannes sang the stirring "Oh! Hail Us Ye Free" and ending with words of the late Joel Plum, the February 19 Inaugural Colloquium "Touching the Past Through the Arts" was an uplifting experience for all in attendance.

Written for female voices, the Wesleyannes' musical selection, from Verdi's opera *Ernani*, was originally "dedicated to the senior class of 1861 in the Wesleyan Female College by instructor in singing, W. S. B. Mathews," according to professor of music Fletcher Anderson's copy of the sheet music. The arrangement was published in Macon in 1861 by the John W. Burke Company. Anderson, director of the Wesleyannes, felt the piece was very appropriate for the Inaugural Colloquium, since it

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TOUCHING THE PAST: *An overflow crowd attended the colloquium on February 19. Friends of the college who wish to assist with the college's ongoing conservation of its art collection may want to contact Gena Franklin at (912) 757-5133.*

art at Wesleyan from 1967 to 1982.

Plum's art "reduces things to essentials," Bailey said, pointing out the humor and the humanity in his sculptures and paintings. "His work bares his soul." Passing around some of his clay creations, Bailey pointed out that Plum believed "craftsmanship does not limit you — it frees you to express yourself. A work of art draws people into its space."

Anderson recalled Plum's admonition that "art is not product; it's process." And Oost closed the Colloquium, or "informal exchange of ideas," with Plum's view of life and art — "Keep the faith, tell it like it is, and let the clay be clay." — BDP

harmoniously tied Wesleyan's past to its present. Anderson discovered the piece while researching "Images of the South in Music," a new course he will teach next fall.

From melody to poetry, a look at Wesleyan's arts past was continued by assistant professor of English Regina Oost as she read from arts magazines from 1919–20, a period when Wesleyan's remembered the sinking of the *Titanic*, the end of World War I, the women's suffrage movement, prohibition, Model Ts, and streetcars.

"Wesleyan's were two or three years away from being flappers," Oost said, as she shared poems covering everything from heartfelt memories of Armistice Day and Thanksgiving, to the humorous toast, "Just Men," to reflections on a chemistry course which parodied the Tennyson poem "Break, Break, Break."

The colloquium closed with associate professor of art Libby Bailey highlighting the life and work of Joel Plum, or "Uncle Fuzzy," as students and colleagues had affectionately remembered him. Plum was professor of

THE MORE YOU READ... THE FARTHER YOU'LL GO

Literacy volunteers like Stephanie Dunda (left) had the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of their clients.

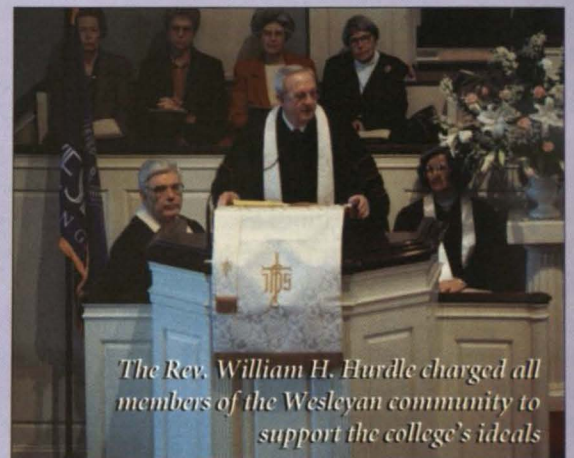


Literacy, continued from page 7

The evening, co-sponsored by the *Macon Telegraph*, Project Read, and Wesleyan, highlighted not only the efforts of student volunteers and adult clients, but also the commitment on the part of Wesleyan's administration and the community to helping eradicate illiteracy.

Praising Wesleyan's efforts, Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce president Paul Nagle said, "You don't teach 1,000 or 10,000 people to read at a time — you teach one person at a time. [Wesleyan] is way ahead of the curve. You're doing wonderful work." He also pledged the continued support of the Chamber of Commerce and the business community. Macon Mayor Jim Marshall presented a proclamation proclaiming February 17, 1998, as "Celebration of Community Literacy Day."

Evelyn Adams, advisor to the student tutors, summed up the work of Wesleyan's Volunteers Against Illiteracy with pride: "The volunteers and their clients have opened doors that have been closed for many, many years." — BDP



The Rev. William H. Hurdle charged all members of the Wesleyan community to support the college's ideals

"Hands, Heads, and Hearts"

... was the title of the moving sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. William H. Hurdle, Wesleyan trustee emeritus, at the inaugural day worship service. The service, hosted by Vineville Methodist Church, involved the leadership of Reverends William W. Oliver, Harriette James Simmons '64, Paula Lytle '80, and Sue C. DeJournett, and Bishop Richard C. Looney. Wesleyan students also participated in the program, and the choir was composed of Wesleyan alumnae. — BAB

AN INAUGURAL *Album*

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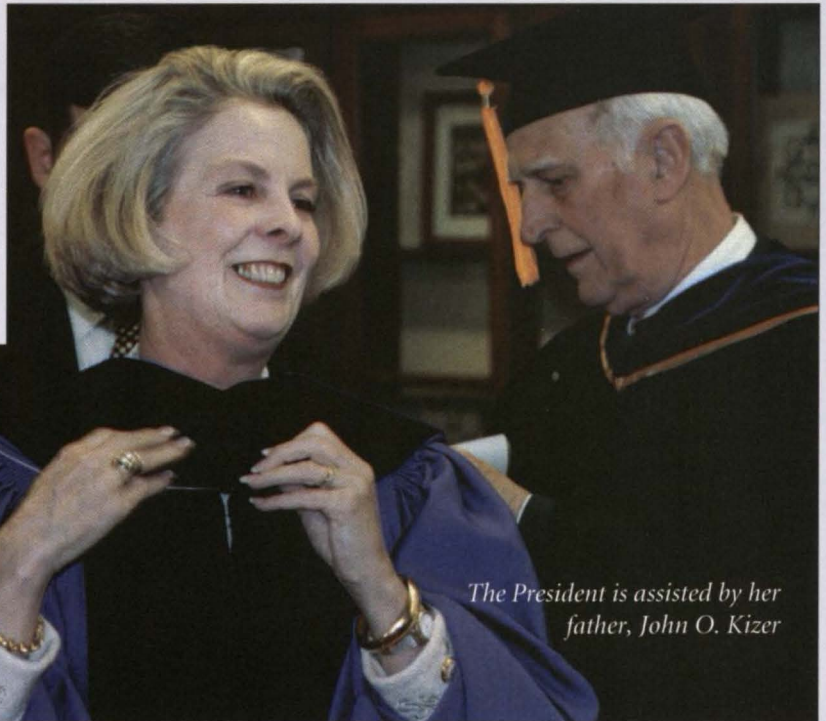


Marshal Tena Roberts '53 explains the order of the procession



Faculty and administrators enjoy the February sunshine

On a perfect early spring morning, faculty, trustees, and staff prepare for the academic procession, which included nearly 150 delegates from colleges, universities, and learned societies.

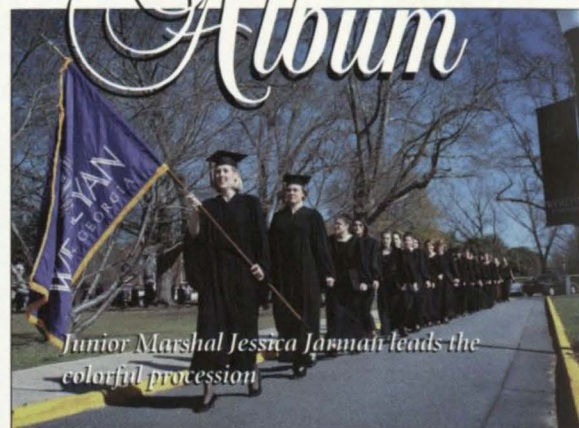
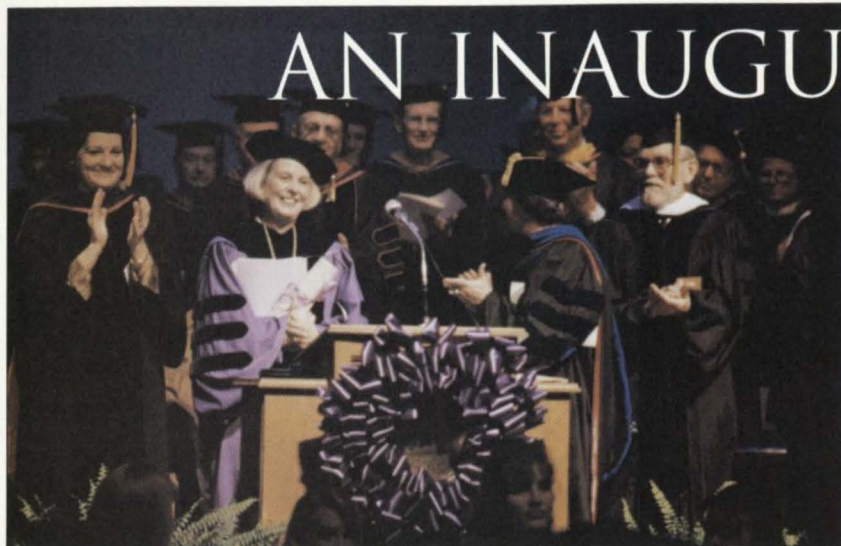


The President is assisted by her father, John O. Kizer



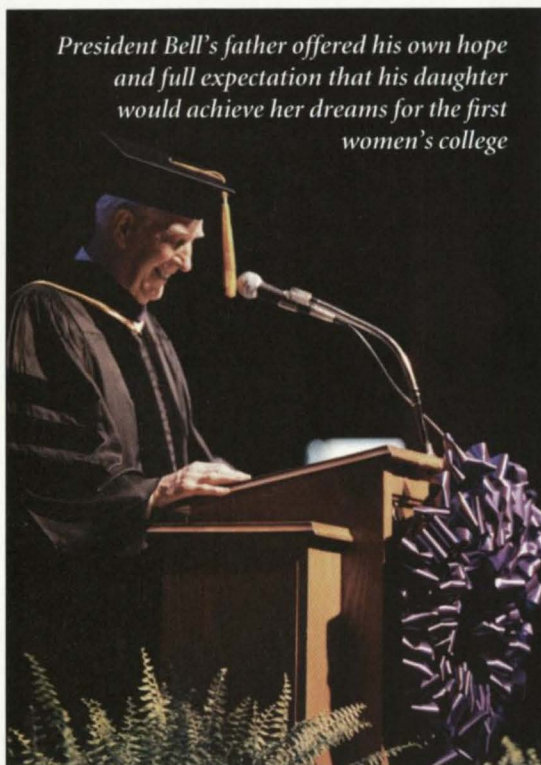
College trustees (above left and bottom row) prepare to represent Wesleyan on its proud day

AN INAUGURAL Album



Junior Marshal Jessica Jarman leads the colorful procession

President Bell's father offered his own hope and full expectation that his daughter would achieve her dreams for the first women's college



Poems, prayers, and promises

How does a college make sure to host the perfect presidential inauguration? Well, first you arrange for the most pleasant February weather anyone can imagine.

You invite the nation's colleges and universities, from Harvard on, to send their brightly-robed delegates and elegant greetings.

You enlist the aid of one of the country's most widely respected poets.

You promise the campus community a great day-long celebration full of pomp and circumstance — and fun.

And then you pray.

Wesleyan has been greatly blessed down through the generations, and the college was certainly blessed on Inauguration Day, by the warm wishes of the guests and dignitaries, by the spirit of joy and expectancy, and by the new president's own words of hope for the future.

Representatives of the state, city, and county; the United Methodist Church; the alumnae of Wesleyan; the student body; the faculty; and the family of President Bell all affirmed their support and offered their prayers for the new administration.

Arkansas poet Miller Williams, who in 1997 was honored to read his work at the inauguration of the President of the United States, read several poems, to the delight of the audience. His final selection, a new poem, proved quite popular

with parents and students (it is printed on the inside back cover of this magazine). "Just as the inaugural poem was read not only for the President, but for the nation," said Williams, "I will read this poem not only for President Bell but for the college." Williams, who recalled his own days of teaching at Wesleyan, generously allowed the poem to be duplicated and distributed afterwards to those wanting copies.

Bishop Richard C. Looney of the South Georgia Conference led President Bell through the dedication, with former president Robert K. Ackerman presenting the presidential medallion and chair of the Board of Trustees Ruth Austin Knox '75 handling the induction.

President Bell had her own promises to make. She outlined specific plans for guiding Wesleyan to be an even stronger institution for women, building on its long and proud heritage. (You may read more about these plans in the special insert section of this issue, "Unfolding the Vision.") Standing before the assembly in her new purple academic robes, President Bell pledged her loyalty and love to Wesleyan College, becoming the first woman in 162 years of Wesleyan history to be sworn into the office of president. — BAB

WESLEYAN IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Unfolding the

VISION



WHAT IS WESLEYAN COLLEGE?
AND WHAT WILL IT BECOME?
PRESIDENT NORA KIZER BELL
INVITES US TO IMAGINE WITH
HER THE WESLEYAN OF
THE FUTURE.

INCLUDING EXCERPTS FROM
PRESIDENT BELL'S
INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

WESLEYAN

First for Women

On December 23, 1836, the Georgia legislature ratified the charter of the Georgia Female College — later Wesleyan College — and empowered its president to “confer all such honors, degrees, and licenses, as are usually conferred in colleges or universities” — making it the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women.

Nearly 162 years later, Wesleyan College has named its first female president.

The inauguration of Dr. Nora Kizer Bell made history on February 21, 1998. But Wesleyan isn't the kind of institution to *rest* on past glories. Instead it's building on them.

In her inaugural address, President Bell invited the Wesleyan family to dream along with her — to envision the Wesleyan of the twenty-first century. Picture a significantly larger and more diverse student population. Imagine a campus even more beautiful than it is now, and even more student-friendly. Think of a scholarly and ethical community with a proud Methodist heritage and a commitment to seeking the truth in all fields of endeavor.

That is the Wesleyan we seek, under President Bell's leadership, to create.



An idealized rendering of Wesleyan in the 1840s shows the original Greek Revival campus.

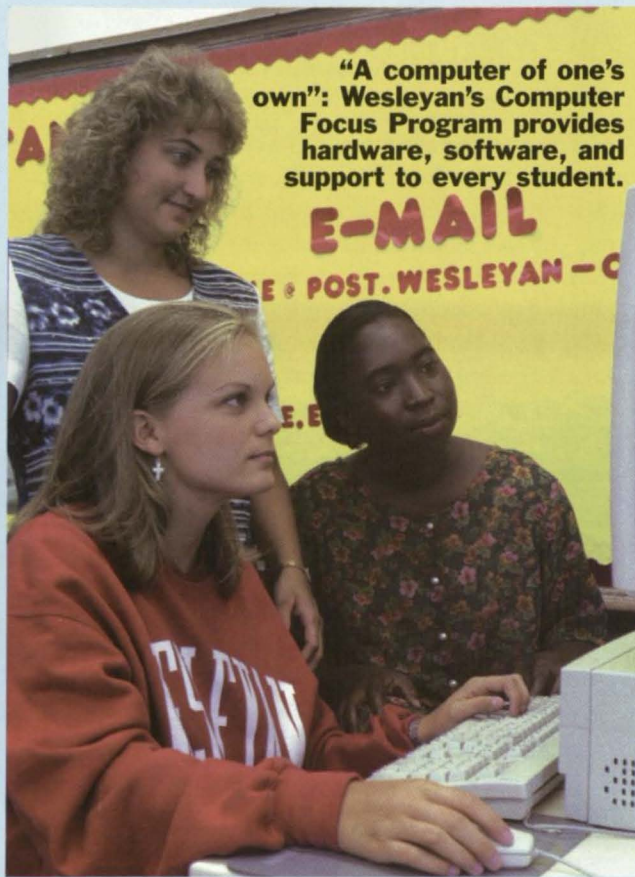
A Sense of History

From the beginning and always, Wesleyan has been a women's college. Even in times of war or nationwide financial difficulty, its doors have remained open continuously, and its presidents and faculty have pledged themselves to the liberal arts education of women.

The “oldest and best” holds a special place in history. Wesleyan granted the first college degree to a woman, in 1840. Founded the first college Alumnae Association, in 1859. Gave birth to the first college sororities, in 1851 and 1852.

Wesleyan has always been a Methodist college, too, and it's always been a liberal arts college. It remains both, with a solid history providing the foundation for a bright future.

A Vision for Discovery



From its very earliest years, when Professor Thomas Bog Slade insisted that Wesleyan women must learn the latest in science and math just as college men did, Wesleyan has fostered a passion for critical inquiry in every liberal-arts discipline.

In 1844, it was the first college in America to establish a professorship in English Literature (held by the Rev. Josiah Fletcher Andrew). In 1989, it was the first women's college to provide a computer and software to every new student — a program that has grown to encompass upgraded hardware and software and full connectivity campuswide.

Wesleyan is strongly committed, today, to innovation and excellence in education. Wesleyan women have opportunities to participate in independent and collaborative research that most students don't have until graduate school — resulting in an impressive track record of publication in professional journals, participation in conferences, and a high rate of acceptance to graduate programs. Through its revolutionary approach to general education, Wesleyan teaches students to investigate, discover, think, and write critically on any issue that comes their way, preparing them to the fullest for life and career.

Wesleyan is home to a diverse campus population whose outlook is becoming increasingly global. With Fulbright scholars among its faculty, residents of foreign countries among its student body, and ample opportunities for international study, Wesleyan encourages its students to define *discovery* for themselves.



In the 1880s, a Victorian facade was added to the original building, and additions were made. The fine arts programs were separated from the liberal arts programs in 1928, and the downtown campus continued to be known as "The Conservatory." The building was destroyed by fire in 1963, several years after all programs had been reunited on the suburban Rivoli campus (the college's present location).

President Bell's Inaugural Address: "God's Last Best Work"

"God's last best work ... the intellectual faculties of Heaven bestowed on woman."

— from the Macon, Georgia, *Telegraph*, October 1836, in a report about the laying of Wesleyan College's cornerstone

Woman is the moral Archimedes — her lever is love — ...and moves the world." With these words, Dr. William Holmes Ellison addressed the Wesleyan College graduates of 1842.



"Wesleyan College has the ground on which to stand, and we can move the world"

Dr. Ellison continued, "If woman possesses the motive power in this complicated moral machinery — if her influence is to mingle with and control the tide of public sentiment — how important that she prepare for the arduous duties and trials of life. ... Your minds have undergone a disciplinary training ... [now] improve your time and opportunities diligently, and gather wisdom from every source. Soon you will be called to act your part in life's busy and impressive scene."*

That part is ours, now, yours and mine, to enact in this busy and impressive scene — here, at

Wesleyan, in the contemporary world. But woman, the moral Archimedes? The lever of love? What do Dr. Ellison's words mean, especially to us now?

Archimedes said, "Give me a lever long enough and a place on which to stand, and I will move the world."

Ladies and gentlemen, Wesleyan College — for 162 years — has offered firm and strong ground on which to stand, solid ground laid at our very founding, ground that has never failed us. We have that place to stand, built on three clear objectives: an abiding commitment to the education of women, to the importance of the liberal arts, and to the principles of the Methodist faith.

Wesleyan College has the ground on which to stand, and we can move the world.

From its beginnings, Wesleyan College has sought to help women become learned, to become persons of ethical integrity, to grow in their faith, and to serve others and the greater society. With her guiding twin objectives — knowledge and piety — Wesleyan College has steadfastly advanced academic rigor, developed moral character, enhanced faith, and inspired enlightened citizenship.

The education of women, the liberal arts, and Methodist ideals have made solid the ground upon which Wesleyan's contributions to the lives of our students flourished. This triad provides the philosophical,

intellectual, and ethical pillars of the place on which you and I stand today — the lever in our grasp.

Through the centuries, a liberal arts education has proved the best education for life and the best form of education for enlightened citizenship. Notably, as so many colleges began diluting the liberal arts, Wesleyan College made a different and more courageous commitment: to grow deeper roots in the ground of her greatest and strongest traditions — reasserting more strongly than ever before a commitment to the liberal arts. Wesleyan did so at her peril amid the shifting and intense, if short-term, pressures of enrollment and finances. Yet, it was exactly the right thing to do.

At Wesleyan, you do not learn merely to study the arts, poetry, the hard sciences, thinking, learning. At Wesleyan, you learn to love them. A liberal arts education instills a love of learning, a sense of connectedness and coherence among all intellectual pursuits. It opens the mind to every opportunity to learn. It connects us with our inner spirit.

A liberal arts education helps us achieve what Aristotle called *eudaemonia*: the state of happiness that accompanies the pursuit of wisdom, justice and virtue — a completeness of life, a harmony of one's intellect, one's soul or spirit, and one's body. In this way, woman, the moral Archimedes, builds the strength that honors her own gifts and the gifts offered in others, in the world.

As Dr. Ellison suggested so many years ago, we "are called to act our part in life's busy and impressive scene."

What is the part we shall play?

I propose five initiatives to carry us forward.

First, **Wesleyan's focus will become more national and international.** Wesleyan has already moved from the ranks of regional liberal arts colleges to being acknowledged as a national liberal arts college. Wesleyan can and must now rise to the top tier of those colleges designated as national liberal arts colleges.

Achieving national and international recognition for her academic stature, Wesleyan also will position her students and faculty to receive national awards for their excellence. We will do this by how we support students and faculty, by how we recruit, by how we retain, and by how we mentor.

Becoming more national and international, Wesleyan also will expand her reach. Wesleyan women will begin to see the world through a wider and wider

lens. I want every Wesleyan student to have a national off-campus experience and an international study experience. We will expand and increase our international programs of study, as well as faculty and student exchange opportunities. We will seize national opportunities for exchange and explore consortium arrangements that will enable us to share resources for exchange with other colleges and universities. We will pursue our plan to develop a statewide Girls' Leadership Program here at Wesleyan.

Second, **Wesleyan will build a more solid financial base.** In the next few years, Wesleyan must increase her endowment to at least \$100 million. To accomplish this goal, we will work to help those inspired by our history and our mission to understand the increasing need for their financial support. We will seek opportunities for partnerships with those who recognize the special role of private colleges in providing varied and unique options in higher education. And we will help all our constituencies to understand the importance of endowment to our future.

The third initiative that I propose comes directly from the excellence and special nature that have been Wesleyan's past and that will be her future. In the short time that I have been here, I have seen the marvels of the Wesleyan heritage, of the Wesleyan traditions. Our talented faculty. Our innovative, pioneering curriculum. It is our triad of commitments — to women's education, the liberal arts, and religious ideals — that makes where we stand good earth. We must offer these advantages to more and more young women.

The Wesleyan liberal arts tradition calls for us — as faculty, staff, administration — to focus on our students above all else. **We aspire to have a campus community of 750 to 950 students.** We have the means, we have the potential, we have the ability to grow into such a community.

As part of that growth, we also pledge ourselves to be a campus that, as it reflects the world's knowledge in its learning, also reflects its country's women in its population. We must be a diverse institution. The woman we want at Wesleyan sees herself making a difference in the world. She sees herself desiring intellectual strength and integrity. She sees herself growing from the inside out, toward intellectual and personal worldliness, on her own terms. She knows the world is a place of many ideas, many ethnicities, many religions. She fears them not, but seeks them out instead. She knows a liberal arts education will expand her consciousness of self and of others outside coursework, outside the classroom. She knows her lever is love, including the restless love of learning — from books, faculty, research, travel, service activities, and everyone she encounters. She knows she will find the diversity of America here, and she knows that here we will offer her every opportunity to thrive, every chal-

lenge to grow. She knows we will offer her the world and dare her to believe she can move it.

Fourth, **Wesleyan will protect and conserve her great physical assets.** We will ensure that the campus continues to be known for its beauty. The ground on which we stand and have stood is not merely metaphorical, but physical as well. We must love, respect and beautify the grounds where we live, learn and work together. This physical ground enhances the Wesleyan way of life, enriches the Wesleyan sense of community. As much as our educational traditions are now in our trust, so too is the land upon which this education occurs.

Fifth, and finally, **Wesleyan will place a great emphasis on her Methodist heritage.** We will recommit to the moral foundations on which our college was built. Wesleyan College has an important and increasingly rare opportunity at this time in this world: to develop not simply the minds and bodies of our students, but also their hearts and spirits. The goal of a Wesleyan education will always be to ensure both an enlightened mind and a humane conscience.

Ladies and gentlemen, Wesleyan stands at the brink of the new millennium — poised to fulfill her destiny and the dreams of her founders as never before. We were first; we remain first forever. It rests in our hands to enrich Wesleyan's place in the pride of Georgia and lend even further substance to our "role as a pioneer in a system of female education in this country" — to triumph and redeem for the future and always, "God's last best work ...the intellectual faculties of Heaven bestowed on woman."* We have but to determine that we shall fulfill these dreams to know they will be as real as the ground on which we stand together.

"Come forth and live," said Wesleyan President George Foster Pierce to the Class of 1840. "Swell out in the fulness of [your] native dimension, and walk abroad majestic in thought, radiant with light...and [march] onward to achievements so glorious!"

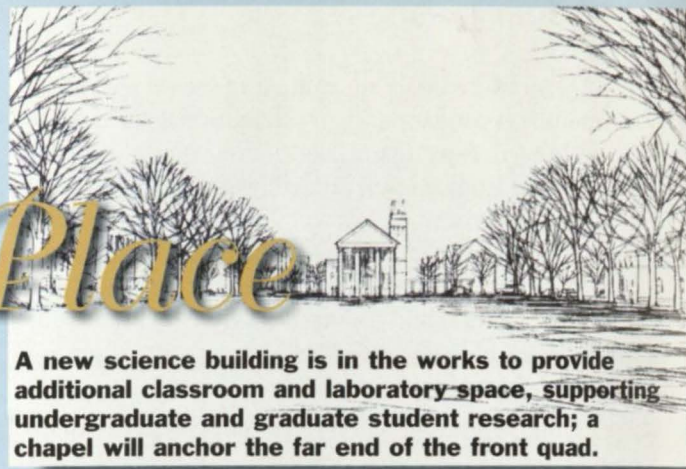
These words blessed the first Wesleyan graduates, in 1840. Let them bless us today and in all times to come.

Thank you. ♪





A Love of Place

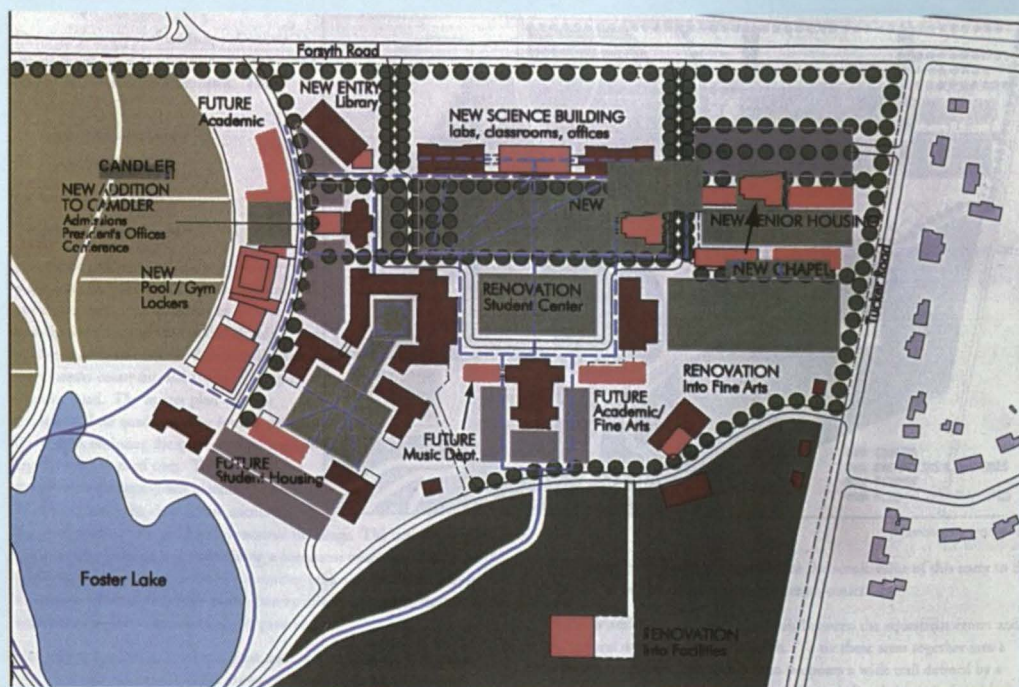


A new science building is in the works to provide additional classroom and laboratory space, supporting undergraduate and graduate student research; a chapel will anchor the far end of the front quad.

“Wesleyan College has the ground on which to stand,” affirmed President Bell in her inaugural address, “and we can move the world.” The ground of Wesleyan College is a physical as well as a spiritual entity. The residential campus is home to a close-knit “Wesleyan family” of students, faculty, and staff. It’s a place of impressive physical beauty with room to reflect, grow, learn, and celebrate.

President Bell’s plans call for an enhancement of existing buildings and grounds and the construction of others — such as a new science building and a college chapel — to meet the needs of a growing Wesleyan family. As we gradually increase enrollment to more than 750 students, Wesleyan will need more residence, classroom, and campus life facilities. We’ve already begun construction (in April 1998) on two of these projects: a state-of-the-art fieldhouse for the Mathews Athletic Center and a group of apartment-style residences for seniors.

To make these dreams become a reality, of course, requires a stronger financial base. But we’re steadily working toward that goal, as well — the goal of building Wesleyan’s endowment to the \$100-million level. It is the Wesleyan spirit: Ever growing. Pioneering. Breaking new ground.



TENTATIVE LAYOUT for improvements shows existing buildings in dark red and new construction in lighter red. Positions of new buildings are not necessarily as indicated, as the planning process is ongoing.

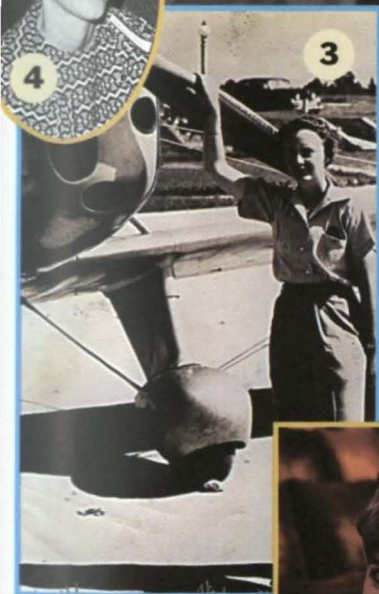
Wesleyan Women: A Portrait Gallery

WESLEYAN WOMEN HAVE ACHIEVED MANY FIRSTS over the years. Some of Wesleyan's illustrious alumnae include:

Viola Ross Napier, class of 1901, the first woman to argue a case before the Georgia Supreme Court (1). The Soong sisters of China, the first Chinese women to be educated in America: Soong E-ling (Madame H. H. Kung), class of 1909; Soong Ching-ling (Madame Sun Yat-sen), class of 1913; Soong May-ling (Madame Chiang Kai-shek), who came to Wesleyan with her older sisters in 1908, was privately tutored on campus until she was old enough to join the class of 1916, and later completed degree at Wellesley College (2). Caldecott Honor Book author Rebecca Caudill Ayars, class of 1920 (for *A Pocketful of Crickets*, 1964). Hazel Jane Raines, class of 1936, the first woman in Georgia to be issued a commercial pilot's license, in

1938 (3). Adelaide Wallace Ponder, class of 1946, the first woman chair of the Press Institute of the Georgia Press Association (4). Neva Langley Fickling, class of 1955, Georgia's first and only Miss America, in 1953 (5). Sandra Deer, class of 1962, playwright with Atlanta's Alliance Theatre (6). Kathryn Stripling Byer, class of 1966, poet and teacher, whose *Wildwood Flower* (1992) was the Lamont Poetry Selection of the American Academy of Poets (7). Charlene Payne Kammerer, class of 1970, the first woman to be ordained Bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist

Conference, in 1996 (8). Antoinette "Toni" Jennings, class of 1971, the first woman president of the Florida senate, in 1996 (9). Janice Mays, class of 1973, the first woman to serve as staff counsel and director of House Ways and Means Committee (10). Lucretia Octavia Tripp, class of 1980, NASA Education Specialist (11).





Wesleyan's 23rd President

NORA
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UNDERSTANDS
FROM EXPERI-
ENCE the value of
a women's-college
education. A
magna cum laude
and Phi Beta
Kappa graduate of
Randolph-Macon
Woman's College,

Dr. Bell earned the master of arts from the University of South Carolina and the doctor of philosophy from the University of North Carolina, in the field of philosophy. Her specialty is bioethics.

Dr. Bell was elected the twenty-third president of Wesleyan College on April 29, 1997, and assumed office on July 1 of that year. Before coming to Wesleyan, she served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Texas, where she continued to teach and engage in scholarly research in addition to her administrative responsibilities. A member of the University of South Carolina faculty from 1977 to 1993, Dr. Bell was previously director of the University's Center for Bioethics (1990-93) and chair of the department of philosophy (1987-92).

Author of one book, *Conflicts in Health Care:*

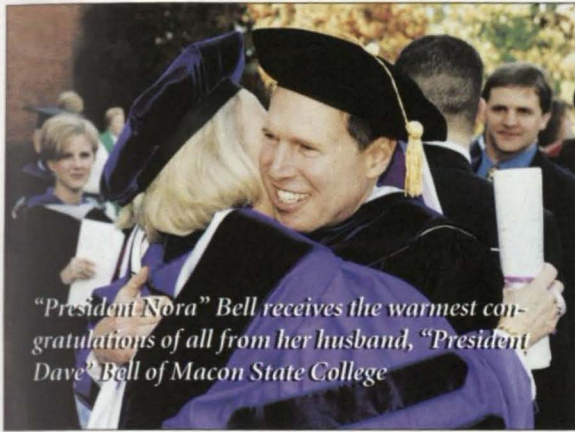
Who Decides?, and a second in progress, Dr. Bell has also published widely in journals in her field. She participated in Harvard University's Seminar for New Presidents in 1997 and its Management Development Program in 1987, and in 1985 was named an EXXON Fellow in Ethics and Medicine.

Dr. Bell's long record of public service includes extensive commitments to health care, community, and women's issues. She has received numerous honors for her professional work, including the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award presented by the governor of South Carolina. A graduate of Leadership South Carolina and Leadership Texas, Dr. Bell currently serves on the board of the National Academy for Academic Leadership in Higher Education and, locally, the Macon Symphony Orchestra, Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, MidSummer Macon, Georgia Women of Achievement, the YWCA, and United Way of Central Georgia. She also serves on the administrative board of Georgia Health Decisions and the ethics committee of the Medical Center of Central Georgia and is a member of the Career Women's Network.

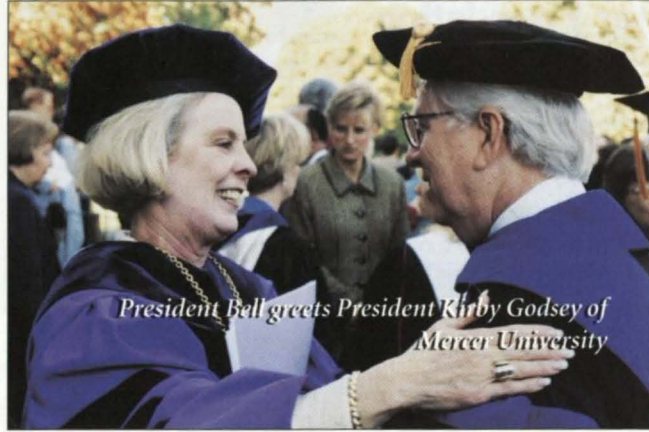
A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Dr. Bell is the daughter of John O. Kizer and the late Lillian Cart Kizer. Her husband, David A. Bell, is president of Macon State College. The Bells have three children: Caroline Bell, Elizabeth B. Lafitte, and Thomas P. Bell.

To Learn More about Wesleyan

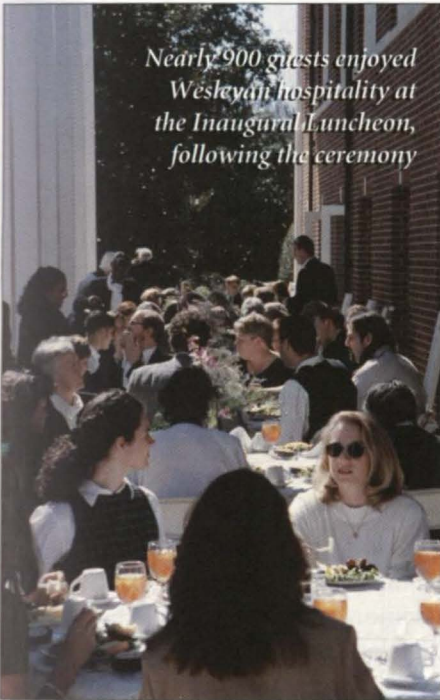
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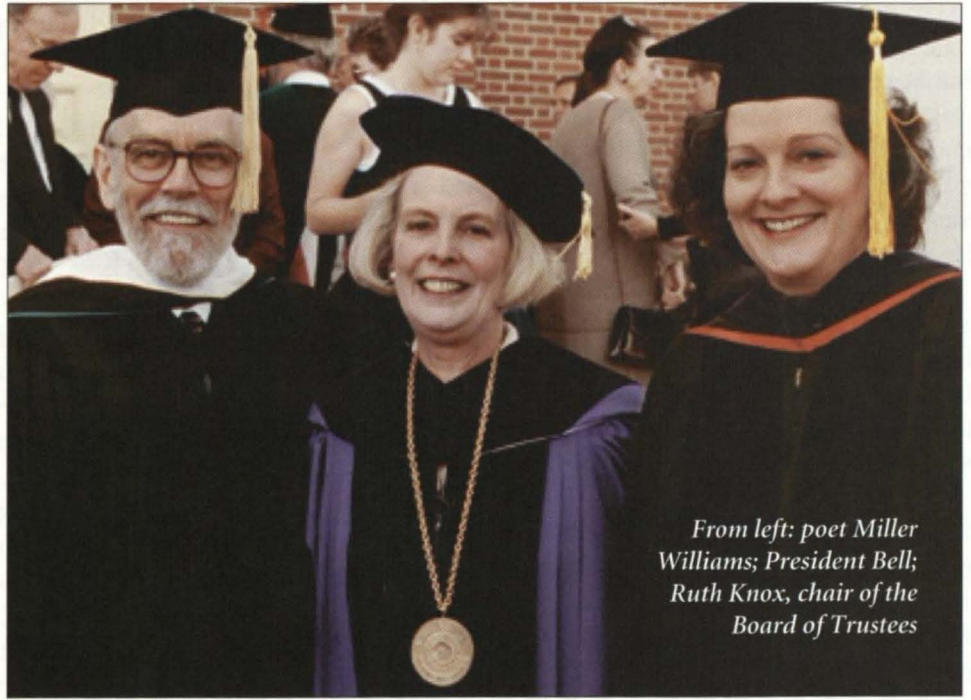
"President Nora" Bell receives the warmest congratulations of all from her husband, "President Dave" Bell of Macon State College



President Bell greets President Kirby Godsey of Mercer University



Nearly 900 guests enjoyed Wesleyan hospitality at the Inaugural Luncheon, following the ceremony



From left: poet Miller Williams; President Bell; Ruth Knox, chair of the Board of Trustees

THANKS TO THE INAUGURATION STEERING COMMITTEE

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Bill Matthews
Missy Ryan '98
Trudie Parker Sessions '65
Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61
Cathy Coxey Snow '71



Saturday evening brought not one, but two Inaugural Balls to the campus. Guests enjoyed mingling at both parties. In the Oval Hall, guests danced to the sounds of the Margaret Perrin Orchestra; in the Anderson Dining Hall, they enjoyed the band "Family Affair." The "perfect day" ended in music and laughter for the new president and the entire Wesleyan family.

Bradley-Turner Foundation gives \$5 million to Wesleyan

by Barbara A. Brannon

Yet another trio of Wesleyan "sisters" has benefited the college — this time through the generosity of the Bradley-Turner family foundation of Columbus. Represented by Wesleyan alumnae Sarah Louise Turner Butler '41, Elizabeth Bradley Turner Corn '47, and Sue Marie Thompson Turner (who also attended Wesleyan during the 1940s), the foundation has made a gift of \$5 million to support improvements to the college's physical plant and for the enhancement of academic programs.

The women are the daughters and daughter-in-law of the late D. Abbott Turner and Elizabeth Bradley of Columbus, for whom the foundation is named. Their family roots go as deep as their love for Wesleyan — their heritage extends back to Wesleyan's first president, George Foster Pierce. The Pierce family line has been represented on Wesleyan College's Board of Trustees continuously since 1836, except for a brief period in the 1960s.

"Weezie" Turner Butler of Columbus served as a college trustee from 1981 to 1989 and received the Wesleyan Alumnae Association Award for Distinguished Achievement in 1981. Sister Betty Corn graduated from Wesleyan in 1947. Both she and her husband, Lovick Pierce Corn, are descendants of Lovick Pierce, who was one of the college's founding trustees, from 1836 to 1879; Mrs. Corn is also descended from Ella Pierce (Wesleyan Class of 1952), who was a founder of the world's first sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. Lovick Pierce Corn currently serves on the college's Board of Trustees. Sue Marie Thompson Turner is married to William Turner, brother of Weezie and Betty.

The gift is the second largest in the 162-year history of Wesleyan College, and the third multimillion-dollar donation within a year to be made in connection with a family with longtime Wesleyan connections. The largest gift to Wesleyan was a \$6 million cash donation in May 1997 from an anonymous Hong Kong donor in honor and memory of the three Soong Sisters of China, all of whom attended Wesleyan in the early years of the twentieth century. In January 1998, Wesleyan also announced a \$3 million gift from three sisters who are Wesleyan alumnae: Julia Munroe Woodward '34, Mary Gray Munroe Cobey '34, and Margaret Munroe Thrower '35.

"The generosity of the Bradley-Turner Foundation will, without a doubt, help ensure a bright future for Wesleyan into the next century," said President Nora Kizer Bell. Wesleyan's endowment stands at \$42 million as of May 1998, a figure which represents an increase of 63% in three years. President Bell's goal is to raise the endowment to \$100 million by the year 2002. ■



From left: Sue Marie Thompson Turner, President Bell, Betty Turner Corn, and "Weezie" Turner Butler.

Fathers honor daughters through scholarships by Susan Allen

What more creative gift could a parent give than to establish a scholarship in a daughter's honor at her alma mater? In December, 1997, two fathers of Wesleyan graduates did just that.

Billy Stevenson of Fayetteville, Tennessee, made an initial gift to endow the Debbie L. Stevenson Scholarship, for the purpose of providing scholarship assistance to a rising senior who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities and holds a GPA of at least 3.0. Daughter Debbie is a 1989 graduate of Wesleyan College. She completed her J.D. degree at Vanderbilt University in 1992 and currently practices law in Atlanta. She also serves on Wesleyan's Alumnae Board of Managers.

Willis I. Allen of Irwinton, Georgia, honored his daughter, Hannah '81, by establishing an endowed scholarship in her name. The Hannah L. Allen Endowed Scholarship was Mr. Allen's way of showing appreciation for the scholarship assistance that Hannah received while a student at Wesleyan. The purpose of the Allen Scholarship is to provide scholarship assistance to a student who demonstrates merit and holds a GPA of 2.75 or higher; the scholarship is renewable annually while the recipient continues to meet the qualifications each year she is enrolled at Wesleyan College.

If the idea of establishing a scholarship to honor your daughter or other family member appeals to you, contact Susan Allen, director of development, at (912) 757-5188. ■



Willis I. Allen (center) paid a recent visit with daughter Hannah L. Allen '81 (right) to director of development Susan Allen (left; no relation!)

CLASS NOTES

Class notes submitted after March 1998 (including Alumnae Weekend) will appear in the Wesleyan College News, Summer 1998.

1920s

Aurelia Cooper Evans '24 of Perry, Georgia, turned ninety-five last year and celebrated the big day with her daughter Martha Evans Green '61 of Dublin, Georgia, and her family. Aurelia keeps in close touch with Martha Pate Allen '31 of Winter Haven, Florida, who lost her husband last year (see *Sympathy*). Aurelia is visited often by Alice Armitage Fendley '90 and her young son, who live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Maconite Isabella Richter '26, accompanied by Louise Sawyer Whipple '58 of Decatur, Georgia, attended the college's big day, Inauguration '98, and stayed for the luncheon afterward.

Bessie Darsey Stanley '26 of Atlanta also turned ninety-five last year and celebrated on May 15 with forty-one members of her family that included all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bessie continues to have a family reunion at the beach each July 4th. She is proud that all three of her daughters, Louise Stanley Anderson '53 of Atlanta, Nancy Stanley Brown '50 of Atlanta, and Betty Stanley Butler '49 of Savannah, attended Wesleyan.

The former Group IV of Atlanta lost another member, writes Annie Mays Larmore '28 of Decatur, Georgia. Roline Trimble Boyle '24 of Atlanta died at age ninety-four. And Annie reports that Martha Few '25 recently moved to Wesley Woods in Atlanta. (See *Deaths*.)

1930s

A mystery is solved! Margaret Garnett Harris '30 of Johnson City, Tennessee, writes about the history of the Alumnae Loyalty Fund following a fund-raising letter sent by Annual Fund chair Sally Moffett McKenna '75 of Tucker, Georgia. Margaret remembers the fund was named for Jennie Loyall Anderson Manget '12, the first alumnae secretary. Margaret also writes, "I was invited several times with another Wesleyan girl to have Sunday dinner at Miss Loyall's lovely home. The food, china, and service were all in exquisite style...." Margaret also wrote a collection of stories, *Pioneer Daughter*, before leaving Florida. She now enjoys retirement and serving as volunteer librarian at Colonial Hill.

Lucile Trowbridge Marks '30 is a great-grandmother for a fourth time and is quite settled in

Montgomery, Alabama, where she has lived since moving from Augusta, Georgia, ten years ago.

"I came to my sixty-fifth class luncheon at Wesleyan and look forward to the seventieth in 2002. See you then!" writes Lois McDonald Jorgensen '32 of Atlanta.

Author Carolyn Lawton Kilgore '33 (writing as Carolyn Harrell) has donated yet another of her books to Wesleyan, *When the Bells Told for Lincoln: Southern Reaction to the Assassination*. This book is taken from exhaustive research of diaries and journals that chronicle the emotions and events during a crucial point in American history. Carolyn recently enjoyed meeting Judy Day Powell '78, also of Houston, at an autographing party at River Oaks Bookstore in November. Her previous book is *Kith and Kin: A Portrait of a Southern Family*.



Charmian Stuart Thomson '34 is still glowing after celebrating sixty-three years of marriage last October. She and Marvin now live in Omaha but return to Tennessee each year to live for three months in her great-grandmother's home, built in 1865.

In Lawrenceville, Georgia, Charlotte Joyner Ainsworth '35 is recovering from an auto accident that left her with a fractured kneecap. She hopes to be active again by the early part of this year.

Vernon Keown Bland '35 of Statesboro, Georgia, writes accolades for the last issue of *Wesleyan Magazine*... "a work of art!... I knew the Munroe sisters and they are wonderful ladies in every way."

"In 1985, at our Golden Reunion, I was a winner for having the most grandchildren (10). In October 1997 my twenty-fourth great-grandchild was born," writes Martha McCord Slocumb '35 of Macon.

"Jim and I celebrated our sixtieth anniversary with a trip to France... We returned to La Rochelle and the scene of our wedding sixty years before — same date!" writes Carolyn Martin Craft '36 of Austin, Texas.

Ella Pinson Hall '36 moved with her husband, Fred, to Chambrel Retirement Home in Roswell, Georgia, last June after thirty-seven years in Florida. They miss the ocean but are glad to be near family in Atlanta. She stays in touch with Rose Pendergrass Hillier '36 of Springfield, New Jersey.

Mediterranean travel keeps Gerry Garrett Jordan '36 busy. She has visited Paul's footsteps in Thessalonika, Greece, three islands in the Aegean Sea, and Ephesus in Turkey. "Having majored in

Latin, I hope to be able to go to Italy, especially Rome." When she's not traveling, Gerry lives in Macon.

The Museum of Appalachia in Norris, Tennessee, is benefiting from the musical talents of Alberta Trulock Brewer '38, who plays folk instruments there and at the nearby Lenoir Museum, a state facility on US Highway 441.

"If all goes well 'and the creek don't rise' Dot DuPuis Mackin '38 and I hope to come south for our sixtieth class reunion," writes Mary Kay Thornton Porter '38 of Sharon, Connecticut. Dot lives in Bethesda, Maryland, and writes that she and husband Don "will catch up on news" at the reunion. Mary Kay and Dot will be joined by Bernardine Smith Thomas '38 of New Orleans, who is looking forward to the sixtieth reunion.

For her eightieth birthday, Richardia Martin Wilson '38, of Smyrna, Georgia, traveled with her daughter, Gay Singleton, to England and five other countries on the European continent. "We had a wonderful time, not on a tour, but just the two of us," writes Richardia.

Anne Brooks Bazemore '39 of Tennille, Georgia, welcomed her fourth great-grandchild into the world in September.

1940s

In Kingsport, Tennessee, June Jackson Moriarty '40 celebrated her fifty-fifth wedding anniversary in March. She and husband Joe have two children and six grandchildren.

Ida Stephens Williams '40 of Perry, Florida, was honored at a luncheon for her eightieth birthday held at Callaway Gardens on December 28, 1997. The gathering was hosted by her six children, their spouses, and her eleven grandchildren. Her sister, Allie Stephens Reynolds '29 of Griffin, Georgia, attended. Many women in Ida's family are Wesleyannes, including another sister, Emma Stephens Wilson '34 of Washington, Georgia, daughter Jane Williams Tarman '74 of Statesville, North Carolina, mother Lucy Evans Stephens 1898, and aunt Sarah Lee Evans Lippincott '10. Ida's namesake, Ida Evans Eve, was a member of the Class of 1878.

Emily Campbell Brown '41 of Mansfield, Ohio, gathered in Covington, Georgia, with friends and family for the celebration of the ninetieth birthday of her sister, Frances Campbell Tatum '29 of Griffin, Georgia.

The Gallery in Sandersville, Georgia, hosted original artworks by Adurline Tompkins Chellis '41 of Summerville, South Carolina, in October.

Louie Woodward Marshall '42 of Martinez, Georgia, had a busy year. Louie spent most of last year recovering from surgery on a broken foot in December 1996, while her husband, George, suffered from pneumonia. Both her daughter and granddaughter married during the year, and Louie is expecting a great-grandson in April of 1998.

In Chattanooga, Tennessee, cooks of all ages are delighted that **Mary Stewart Becking Smith '42** and her mouth-watering pizza recipe were featured in the *Chattanooga Free Press*. Over the course of her twenty-five years at the Girls Preparatory School, Mary invited her senior Latin students into her home each year and served them the legendary pizza. Mary's wedding gift to former students was always a silver-plated pizza cutter with the coveted recipe attached to the handle.

Harriet Branan Meier '43 of Crawfordville, Florida, attended a dedication service at the church in Medart, Florida, where she and her late husband, George, were charter members. A gazebo designed and built by her husband was dedicated in honor and memory of his vision, service, and leadership to the church.

A fifty-fifth wedding anniversary started the year off right for **Clint and Dorothy Anne Pim Roth '44** of Waleska, Georgia. They have three great-grandchildren ranging in age from one to eight.

Martha Martin Ginn '45 of Atlanta misses classmate **Mary Ellen Findlay Schmich**, who moved from Atlanta to Eugene, Oregon. But she's rejoicing in the recent birth of a new grandson born to daughter Celia.

Elderhostel programs keep **Virginia Martin Lawrence '45** of Cincinnati, Ohio, busy. She and husband Benjamin have participated in several overseas study and sightseeing programs, and find them to be organized and enjoyable.

Miriam Chylinski Lykke '45 of Barrington, Illinois, stays busy as she works on the local literary magazine, continues her former professional connections, manages a schedule as a member of her condo's board of directors, and especially enjoys the time she shares with her two granddaughters. "I treasure my memories of Wesleyan activities and friends."

Kathryn Gibbs Steinbruegge '45 was delighted with the annual Golden Isles Wesleyan Christmas Coffee — this year at the home of **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** on St. Simons Island, Georgia.

"I've been blessed with another grandchild... a beautiful girl born on May 12, 1997... class of 2019?" writes **Margaret Boyett Arnold '46** of Blakely, Georgia.

Mary Tappan Garrison '46 has retired from the Glynn County School System and is president of the Glynn Art Association. Mary also volunteers with Coastal Encounters, an environmental science center.

After residing forty-four years at Broadway Lake (near Anderson, South Carolina), **Emma Lee Felkel Holman '46** has moved into Anderson. She frequently sees Dr. Gin's niece, Ann Gignilliat Clarke, in Abbeville. "Dr. Gin will forever be my mentor!" writes Emma.

Winnifred "Honey" Hopkins Fanning '47 and her husband moved back to the Hopkins family home in Crescent, Georgia.

Finding her faith renewed and her spirits raised, **Mary Giglia Johnson '47** of Ft. Myers, Florida, enjoyed her fiftieth reunion in 1997 tremendously.

Marguerite Gibbs Manship '47 of Pensacola, Florida, is proud of her daughter who teaches history at Stratford Academy in Macon. "It may be an incentive to see Wesleyan again — so very long since," she writes.

Will Klump '48 (yes, there are men who graduated from the Conservatory) hosted a luncheon in New York City for Wesleyan friends and classmates **Bettijo Hogan Trawick '48** of Macon and New Yorkers **Bella Jarrett '47, '48** and **Betty Thompson '47**. "It was so much fun," writes Bettijo. "We arrived (at Mary Lou's on 9th Street) at noon and left at four, all of us telling one tale after the other of the happy times we had at Wesleyan. . . It was one of the most delightful days I've ever spent. I'll never forget it and Will's 'moving feast'."

Dotty Anne Smith Smith '48 of St. Simons Island, Georgia, looks forward to a visit from her daughter and son-in-law — both are pediatric orthopedic surgeons. Dotty Anne is a fashion consultant/director for the Cloister Collection at Sea Island, Georgia.

Traveling through the South resulted in a mini-reunion for **Emily Hancock Bredeson '49** of Pinehurst, North Carolina, and **Emmie Carlton Johnson '49** of Oxford, Georgia. Emily stopped in Oxford to visit Emmie while traveling to see children and grandchildren in Macon. Emily stays busy with husband Don playing golf, supporting the community, and building new friendships.

Elizabeth Pittman Claiborne '49 of Brownsville, Tennessee, enjoyed an October visit with **Francina Brock Kern '49** in Scituate, Massachusetts.

Joyce Miller Morgan '49 reports that in 1997 she was honored with a life membership in the Medical Association of Atlanta Alliance, of which she is past president. In the organization's seventy-four year history, only seven members have been named life members — and three of those are Wesleyannes! Joyce joins other Wesleyanne life members **Irene Sewell Hobby '22** and **Christine Rountree Anderson '41**, both of Atlanta.

Sara Stewart Rountree '49 of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, looks forward to being a "beach bum" after the second retirement of her husband, Tarver — this time from a career as a law professor. Life at the beach began with a trip to Hawaii this year, and the birth of a seventh grandchild in April.

In Bulloch County (Statesboro, Georgia) the community enjoyed the creative talents of **Elizabeth Cook Smith '49** during its 200th birthday celebration. She wrote several songs used in the production *Wiregrass* and acted in two roles. The joint community/Georgia Southern University project was an "enormous undertaking" and very successful.

1950s

Macon's **Marie Stalnaker Beacham '50** spent the latter half of last year helping her husband, John, recover from quadruple heart bypass surgery. She reports that following complications both before and after surgery, John is doing well and is back on the golf course.

"We are blessed with three married children and six grandchildren," writes **Betty Smith Moore '50** of Fort Valley, Georgia, who divides her time after retirement among Fort Valley, Lake Sinclair, and Amelia Island. She and husband Cleon just celebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary.

In Kingsport, Tennessee, **Mary Paul Smith '50**, enjoys her golden years and remembers with fondness her many friends at Wesleyan.

Frances K. Drew '51 of Atlanta retired in December 1995.

"We've retired and travel anywhere and everywhere! Recently returned from Australia and New Zealand," writes **Martha Banks Gaddis '51** of Laurel, Mississippi. She also enjoyed a long weekend at Disney World with children and grandchildren since Christmas.

Mary Ruth Lewis '51 of Houston, Texas, recently enjoyed a three-week vacation in France.

The news in the life of **Anna "Andee" Schwalbe Strong '51** of Savannah is her two baby Dachshunds — male and female twins Schroeder and Gesine.

Mary Jo "Jody" Mann Adams '52 recently relocated to St. Simons Island, Georgia, after retiring in January 1997 from a mediation job with the Santa Fe, New Mexico, court system. She chose St. Simons after several trips within a two-year period. "I bike around the island, sketch and watercolor a bit, and read voraciously." Her mother, aged ninety-five, is at Heritage Cottage.

The world is her home: **Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52** of Macon traveled to Africa via London in late 1997 to take trucks, medicine and food to starving Sudanese.

"After 35 years of teaching, I retired but have been conducting honor orchestras in Florida and doing solo performances," writes **Claire Michaels Murray '52**, who now lives in Fort Lauderdale. She and husband Keith enjoy both their boat and longer cruises on commercial cruise lines.

DeRon McCurdy Senna '52 of St. Simons Island,

Georgia, and her daughter, Sherryl Senna Pollard '72 of Brunswick, were the only mother-daughter act at the recent Wesleyan Christmas gathering on the island.

Louise Smith Walker '52 of Columbus, Georgia, hosted a Christmas gathering at her home for five children, spouses, and two grandchildren.

Louise Stanley Anderson '53 of Atlanta sent a big thank you to Ann Harrell Saunders '53 for her letter about their forty-fifth reunion in April.

Geraldine "Gerry" Dixon Eddy '53 of Littleton, Colorado, set us straight! She writes, "Please note I am not the Geraldine Dixon Harris on the 'lost' list for the Class of '53. . . There were in fact two Geraldine Dixons in the class of '53 but I believe she spelled it 'Dickson.'" Will the real Geraldine Dixon/Dickson please stand up?

Betty Bishop Elliott '53 just celebrated her first wedding anniversary. She retired from the University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital Medical Center in 1995. Betty now enjoys traveling and tending to her three grandchildren, with the fourth on the way.

Joanne Stiefel Eubanks '53 of Aiken, South Carolina, stays busy with UMW and other church activities following the death of her husband, Albert, in March 1997 (see *Sympathy*).

The Macon Telegraph printed a Skip Korson column featuring Wesleyanne Claire Houser '53 of Fort Valley, Georgia. The story recounts Claire's many interests, endeavors, and experiences since graduating from Wesleyan, with particular interest paid to her speaking and performing activities. She currently teaches at Fort Valley State University.

Sarasota, Florida, resident Elizabeth Wade Howard '53 is into traveling these days, with trips to Africa, England, France and New Mexico, not to mention more frequent trips to Macon and Atlanta to visit family.

After teaching high school for 37 years, Joan Jennings Norton '53 thrives in her retirement in Green Cove Springs, Florida. She and her daughter continue to be proud of their Wesleyan heritage. Daughter Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79 is department chairperson of TV journalism and communications at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Since the '93 reunion, Helen Blackmarr Outler '53 has moved to Murrayville in peaceful North Georgia, but is still close enough to enjoy grandchildren. She is eager to receive e-mail from her technology buddies; write her at OUTLAKER@aol.com.

"Am enjoying retirement — it's highly underrated... bringing lots pictures of the nine grandchildren" to the reunion, writes Ann Harrell Saunders '53 of Augusta, Georgia.

In Pelion, South Carolina, Elsie Sutherland Stuart '53 stays busy as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, serving on the Education and Public Works Committee. She was also the president of the National Order of Women

Legislators in 1997. Elsie is also proud of her daughter-in-law, who is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force.

Life in retirement is good for Caroline Eagerton Upperco '53 of Arlington, Virginia. She keeps busy with children and four grandchildren.

Jeannice Hammond Clark '54 follows the progress of her son-in-law who is a member of the crew of the "Chessie" in the Whitbread Around the World Sailing Race. Her daughter, Sally, works for the Chesapeake syndicate that sponsors the boat. Sally is a part of the shore team. Jeannice and husband James will leave Greenville, Delaware, to meet the family in Capetown at the end of one of nine legs of the race.

Sharon Smith Henderson '54 has a bed and breakfast inn as well as a new antique shop in Brunswick, Georgia.

May of 1998 will bring a trip to Greece for Mana Sanchez Heyward '54 of Atlanta. She still sells real estate for Harry Norman Realtors after twenty-five years in the business. Mana enjoys her two grandchildren.

It doesn't seem like forty-three years since graduation for Ann Parsons Odum '54, who has recently opened a large gift store, Ace Hardware, and garden center in Duluth, Georgia, "so I guess I'll work a few more years."

Martha Jean Laslie Woodward '54 of Quincy, Florida, welcomed the new year with the arrival of her first grandson, John Woodward Ahrendt, born on January 29, 1998, to daughter Anne Woodward Ahrendt '81 and husband Kurt. John joins older sister, Adrienne, who is 6 years old. Martha's youngest daughter, Taylor, will marry in November.

Barbara Brown Dean '55 of Eastman, Georgia, was the topic of a December 1997 weekly feature on a midstate person of faith in the Macon Telegraph. The motivational speaker and "Miss Lottie Dah" storyteller received her music degree from Wesleyan and training in drama at Theatre Atlanta. She considers her greatest religious challenge to be "staying focused on being a spiritual being living in a human skin."

Classmate Frances Moulthrop Gordon '55 of De Land, Florida, remembers Phyllis Clough Davis '55 of Lakeland, Florida, on the death of her husband, Dr. Robert A. Davis, on October 5, 1997. Dr. Davis was president of Florida Southern College for 25 years. "Phyllis continues to be a tower of strength," writes Frances (see *Sympathy*).

Gayle Attaway Findlay '55 of New Canaan, Connecticut, welcomed a new grandson, Whitney "Whit" Paul Findlay, into the world on December 16, 1997.

Joyce Loudermilk Richards '55 will soon mark thirty-eight years in banking. Her husband retired a few years ago from USSX after 30 years and now pursues his golfing career. Joyce counts three future Wesleyannes among her six perfect grandchildren.

Coastal Carolina University is losing its music department chair this year as Carolyn Gleaton Cox '55 of Conway, South Carolina, begins her retirement. "She has unselfishly shared her musical talents through teaching, weddings, funerals, little theatre, and on and on..." writes classmate Sally Fambrough Sanders of Greenville, South Carolina.

Proud of their son, Scott, Lucy Neeley Adams '56 and her husband, the Reverend Woody Adams, of Cookeville, Tennessee, share with their Wesleyan friends that Scott has recently joined Vineville United Methodist Church and bought a home in Macon. "I'm so happy to have a great reason to visit Wesleyan!"

A new grandson, Eric Matthew Humm, was the highlight of the year for Fay Brandies Brown '56 of Rocky Face, Georgia.

JoAnn Copeland Chapple of Eatonton, Georgia, enjoyed the Green Knight '56 Sapelo Island trip. "Let's do some more soon!" she writes. Classmate Trudy Wilson Topolosky of Bradenton, Florida, agreed.

Adventure in Antarctica began the year for Lloyd Young Flanders '56 of Darien, Georgia, as she enjoyed a February trip.

Marianne Morris '56 of Fort Gaines, Georgia, hosted classmates Arline Atkins Finch and her husband, Ron, of Atlantis, Florida, and Carolyn Sims Brooks and her husband, John, of Atlanta for a weekend at her lake cabin late last year. The next week she hosted classmate Trudy Wilson Topolosky and husband Mike of Bradenton, Florida. "It was good to see old friends," Marianne writes.

From Valrico, Florida, Carol Taylor Griffin '57 writes that she "totally enjoyed the fortieth reunion in April 1997. So did husband Jim, who was happy to meet so many of the classmates he's heard about over the years."

In her new home in Flowery Branch, Georgia, Julie Adams Hawk '57 is delighted that her daughter, Susan, who now works in London, recently received her master's degree in library science. Son David is back in Tucker, Georgia, working for a video production company.

Spring of 1997 was the first return to a reunion for Mary Hodge Malone '57 of Thomasville, Georgia. "After forty years it was great to see friends who, though we have all changed in many ways, still felt the thread of friendship alive, well, and strengthened by our time together," writes Mary.

Nancy Jensen '58, a.k.a. Nancy Wittingslow, moved to Neptune Beach, Florida, after following her husband's career all around the country for years. Her children are scattered from St. Simons Island, Georgia, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Birmingham, Alabama, as are her five grandchildren. Nancy writes that she is "Now an official beach bum!"

The beach life is fun for **Rebekah Duncan Kinsey '58**, who lives on Tybee Island, Georgia, where she enjoys her three grandchildren.

Anne Nalls '58 of Bowling Green, Ohio, officially retired in June but is busier than ever. She teaches part-time at Bowling Green State University, serves as religious education director at the local Unitarian Universalist Church, trains for the commission lay ministry for the church, volunteers at hospice, does Tai Chi, works with international students, consults, does teacher training workshops, "etc., etc., etc., Life is good!"

Life at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and four grandchildren keep **Katherine Bailey Presley '58** of Grosse Ile, Michigan, busy. Her husband, John, is the dean of arts and sciences there.

Georgia's governorship may be filled by the first woman in the state's history if Wesleyanne **Nancy Smith Schaefer '58** of Clarksville, Georgia, has her way. Nancy is the state's first female candidate for governor.

"Nothing had changed except the lines on our faces," writes **Zoë Moore Turner '58** of Anniston, Alabama, about her visit with **Pat Haddle Keck '58** of Douglasville, Georgia. The two met for lunch in October, having not seen each other in forty years.

Harriett Johnson Bell '59 of Greenville, South Carolina, is the 1998 vice chairman of the Greenville Hospital System Foundation.

From Augusta, Georgia, **Janace Fender Daughtry '59** writes that she welcomed a new grandson into the world. Caleb Michael was born in October.

"I retired from a career in teaching art and graphic design to garden, deal in antiques, and work with the Volunteer Literacy Program," writes **Shirley Fincannon '59** of Nashville, Tennessee. She was also named Tutor of the Year for 1996-97.

LaGrange First United Methodist Church has a new associate pastor. **Helen Freeman Henry '59** was recently appointed to that post.

Chris Christopher Kelsey of Pfafftown, North Carolina, is back in her former position as director of BABIES Early Childhood Intervention in Winston-Salem and loves it. This '59er sends best wishes to our first female president.

Carol King Pope '59 and husband Mickey are moving back to Macon this spring after loving life in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. They will return often to visit, since Carol is still represented by several art galleries in the area.

1960s

Lake Burton was the site of a mini-reunion between **Sue McNatt Best '60** of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and **Louise Somers Davidson '60** of Lithonia, Georgia. The two met at Louise's home.

Edward Jones investment representative **Mary Amerson Burt '60** of Macon was recently featured

in the *Macon Telegraph* in an article advising young stock market investors.

Ann Lavender Faulk '60 is proud of her husband's recent retirement from NationsBank, although he hasn't stopped working and is now the vice president and trust officer for SunTrust Bank in Augusta. Son Carlton is a dermatologist practicing in Asheville, North Carolina, and daughter Linda is a new accountant, having passed the CPA exam in May 1997.

Virginia Sumerford York '60 of Panama City, Florida, enjoyed the wedding festivities of her daughter, Timmerly, who was married to Derek Richman in April 1997.

A master of science degree from Portland State University serves **Priscilla Leedham Blake '61** of West Linn, Oregon, well. As a speech pathologist at Providence St. Vincent Hospital, she works with adults who have neurological disorders that result in swallowing difficulties, and with those with impairments in their ability to communicate or use language for thought.

Mary Ann Hawkins Collins '61 is the new chairperson of Ways and Means for the 1998 Women's Council of the Atlanta Board of Realtors. She is also a new grandmother.

In Norcross, Georgia, **Jean Cain Gaddis '61** stays busy as a grandparent to Anna Elizabeth and Claire Elizabeth. Her own son, Greg, will graduate soon from Kennesaw State University.

"I now have five grandchildren who range in age from six to ten. Of course I'm prejudiced, but I think they're great. There are three girls and two boys," writes **Nancy Bowden Wiley '61** of Dunwoody, Georgia. Nancy also enjoyed a two-week trip to France last summer.

Pamela Parker Lewis '62 of St. Simons Island, Georgia, recently retired as an assistant superintendent of Glynn County Schools.

Twenty-three years on Sea Island, Georgia, have been good for **Frances Parker McCrary '62**. Her three grown children are scattered along the Southeastern U.S. coast: Charleston, St. Simons Island, and Jacksonville. Frances keeps busy with volunteer work in the community and teaches etiquette classes for children at the Cloister. She reports that **Patricia Bonner Burton '62** is in Washington, Georgia, where she is the director of music at the Methodist church. Patricia's husband, Allen, is academic dean at Georgia Military College's distance learning center in Augusta.

After 30 years in public education, **Brenda Lee Barclay '64** retired to a tenth-floor river view apartment on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida. Since retirement she has enjoyed great trips to the mountains and London, as well as visits with daughter Jodi in the West Palm Beach area.

Nancy Gail Smith Hoff '64 currently works for the National Opinion Research Center at the

University of Chicago. She retired from the U.S. Census Bureau after twenty-eight years of service. Her daughter, Elizabeth, has graduated and works at a Methodist church in Missouri.

"1997 was the best!" writes **Frances Strickland Kemp Masse '64** of Lake Mary, Florida. "This was my fifth year at the helm of 'The Arts' for K-12 in Seminole County schools and we received top honors in visual arts, dance and band. My personal life was also the best. I was married Nov. 22 to John Peter Masse... from Canada. All is great with my ninety-three-year-old mother and my wonderful daughter... except not a grandma yet!" (see *Marriages*).

Rosemary McGraw Barfield '65 has lived in Albany, Georgia, for more than five years and loves it. She and husband Don are involved in church work and keeping up with children. Son Sam is a CPA in Tifton, Georgia, and son Mac is a first-year resident in orthopedic surgery in Augusta, Georgia. Her daughter, Molly, works in Jacksonville, Florida, as a speech therapist.

Talk about commuting. . . **Katherine Champion Smelley '65** is traveling between Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Orlando, Florida, until her Washington house sells. Husband Phil is a consultant on a light rail system for the Orlando area now, and son Matt is in medical school in Augusta, Georgia. Oldest son Scott is in California and engaged to be married.

Jo An Johnson Chewning '66 is a middle school assistant principal in Gwinnett County, Georgia, near her home in Lawrenceville. Jo An just celebrated her 31st wedding anniversary. She was awarded membership in the DAR in 1996. She and Walker have two granddaughters now.

"All is well in Texas! Three of our six kids will graduate from Texas universities in May. . . Two others are out of school, married, and working in Pennsylvania. The last will be degreed in 2000. Yes, we are blessed with lots of love, laughter, and closeness," writes **Darlene Hassler Carey Jackson '66** of Arlington.

Dona Vaughn Raines '66 is on the road again, leaving her West End, New York, address for a stint in Wilmington, North Carolina, where she is directing *The Women* for Minerva Productions.

Nancy Rowland Rehberg '66 of Macon is proud of her son, Will Rehberg, who has just released a CD entitled *Let the String Unwind Itself*. Will is a senior at the University of Georgia, and although he performs mainly in Athens, he can occasionally be found performing in Macon. Nancy describes his music as country/southern and tells us that it is available at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon.

Life is busy for **Sandra LaMontagne Binkley '67** of Fruit Heights, Utah, where she is an assistant librarian professionally, but also volunteers at the local

women's shelter. Husband Don is retired from the Air Force and flies for Southwest Airlines. Two children attend the University of Utah, and her youngest is a ninth grader.

Brunswick, Georgia, resident **Flo Williams Douglas '67** is a counselor at Glyndale Elementary School.

Priscilla Sams Gautier Bornmann '68 now works in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, with the law firm of McKinley and Bornmann.

She's in her eighteenth year at Seminole Presbyterian School near her home in Odessa, Florida, but **Virginia Hiers Miller '68** is most proud of her son, Lloyd, who is in the master of fine arts program in film directing and screenwriting at Columbia University.

"I enjoy seeing **GINNA LARSON SCHNEIDER '68** (of Alexandria, Virginia) and her family often, and am excited to have reconnected with **Cathy Cushing Thierry '68** (of Seabrook Island, South Carolina) who introduced my husband and me twenty-eight years ago!" writes **Ruth Anne Gray Randolph '68** of Baltimore, Maryland.

After living in Atlanta for twenty-nine years, **Marsha Fernald Sichveland '68** and husband Don love life in the small town of Eatonton, Georgia. The Sichvelands moved to an antebellum home in Eatonton after Don's retirement in 1997.

Karen Dupree Garr '69 is actively involved in national education reform, and is Teacher Advisor to the governor of North Carolina. She lives in Raleigh.

Atlanta's Cathedral of Christ the King is still hearing the lovely voice of **Gloria Garrett '69**, who is now Gloria Garrett Seymour, recently married "to the man of my dreams." She was married in 1994 to Arthur B. Seymour, an Atlanta attorney, and became an instant mother to two children: Justin is in the Peace Corps, and Suzanne is at the University of Central Florida. Gloria still works for AT&T.

1970s

The impending marriage of her daughter in March forced **Judy Oldham Boulay '70** of Cochranville, Pennsylvania, to do her spring cleaning early. While cleaning out her attic, Judy found two Wesleyan plates, which she donated to the College.

After twenty-seven years of teaching, **Susan McMahan Fink '70** still lives in Greenville, South Carolina, and cheers on her daughter as she plays high school soccer. "She can't believe her mom once played!"

Her husband is a rocket scientist with NASA and she's busy as director of business development for Eagle Support Services (an M1 Abrams Tank refurbisher), but **Linda Goulding Mann '70** of New Hope, Alabama, still finds time to keep up with her grown children Tony, a Marine in California, and

Suzanne, who lives in Atlanta and works with BellSouth.

A Macon gardening shop, The Society Gardener, offers an exclusive collection of garden art by **Christine Olson Sibley '70**, Atlanta's "People's Choice Sculptor."

Although her job takes a lot of her time, **Patricia Voyles '70** still finds time to quilt and volunteer at church in Valencia, California. She has worked for twenty-four years with Lockheed Martin.

The South Carolina Club of Atlanta has a new president, **Kathleen Wright Dodd '71**. Kathleen succeeds her aunt, Marjorie Wright Smith, as the leader of the club founded in 1938. Kathleen, her husband, David, and their four daughters currently reside in Roswell, Georgia.

Marjorie Bowen Graham '71 of Danielsville, Georgia, has been named to the St. Mary's Health Care System's board of directors. Marjorie is an assistant vice president of the Bank of Danielsville and a vice chairman of the board of directors of the Athens Area Technical Institute.

Life is busy for **Salina "Sam" Metts Harkleroad '71** of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. She serves on the board of governors of Sawgrass Country Club, runs, golfs, lifts weights, and plays tennis. Daughter Casey is a sophomore at the University of North Florida, daughter Kelly is a freshman at the University of Florida, and husband Don still enjoys his career with Johnson & Johnson.

Maconite Eileen Moffitt Batchelor '72 has a story to tell. Classmates can call and ask her about the sweet story of friends reunited after thirty-one years.

After living in Seoul, Korea, for three years, **Karen Conner Boyette '72** and her husband, Jim, will move this year to Shanghai, where Jim will be the manager of manufacturing for Corning, Inc., in China. Her three children are in schools around the world. Anyone wishing to make contact can do so via e-mail at kjoy27@aol.com.

Sherryl Senna Pollard '72 of St. Simons Island, Georgia, is an instructional specialist at Glyndale Elementary School.

Savannah resident **Susan Wyllys Wallace '72** is proud of her son, Richard, who graduated from Warren Wilson College last May.

Margaret "Betsy" McPherson Farr '73 of Falls Church, Virginia, paints watercolors for a local gallery. She and husband Tom are back from "exotic" posting in Colorado Springs, where Tom was able to teach at the Air Force Academy for two years. He is still in the Foreign Service.

Her address and phone numbers are the same, but **Susan Powers Cannon '74** has had a name change. She's Susan Powers Champion following her November '96 wedding to James A. Champion, Jr.,

also of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. The two met while working on Kings Mountain Little Theatre's production of *Nunsense*.

Laura Hunt Edenfield '74 of St. Simons Island, Georgia, missed the annual Christmas party due to her son's soccer game, but she reports that she is still teaching art at Glynn Academy. "Joel Plum at Wesleyan had a tremendous influence on me, and it is my hope to share with my students his constant quest for excellence," she writes.

Victoria Stephenson Heimall '74 of Sussex, New Jersey, handles a weekly television program on biblical teachings, and trains and directs a teenage mime team. Victoria home-schooled her two youngest children through the fourth grade, and was president of a New England home schoolers association. This news comes from a proud mama, **Lilly Lake Stephenson '43** of Augusta, Georgia.

Tina Farkas Williams '74 of Tallahassee, Florida, remains the executive director of Young Actors Theatre, a company she began twenty-two years ago. Her daughter, Elizabeth, is finishing high school this year.

Melanie Fawcett Summerell '74 of Centreville, Virginia, is a staff pharmacist at Wal-Mart and married to Ray, who is a co-owner of a consulting firm that assists the federal and private sector in CADDII and GIS mapping.

Winder, Georgia, is home to **Pamela Jackson Veader '74**, who remains a State Farm Insurance agent. She has two sons — one at Georgia Tech and the other with a certificate in auto mechanics.

A life on the high seas makes **Mary Linger '75** happy as she lives on her sailboat near Jacksonville, Florida. Mary teaches music and, as a Coast Guard captain, also teaches sailing. Last summer, she managed to get some time away from the surf and sand to study music at the University of Illinois.

Linda Wing Duckworth '76 of Atlanta is bound for the high seas herself. Husband Bob acquired a Thistle sailboat and the entire family is learning to sail. Bob sailed in the Midwinters Regatta in Pensacola last year, and both thirteen-year-old Ana and twelve-year-old Bobby have been recognized for their sailing abilities.

Music is the life for **Jeannie Futch Lewis '77** of Marietta, Georgia, who has produced several CDs of the Roswell United Methodist Church choir and works for the Michael O'Neal Singers as a producer for their concert series.

Kathy Browne Stine '77 of Norfolk, Virginia, will celebrate a fifteen-year wedding anniversary in October 1998. She has two children, ten-year-old Christopher and two-year-old Katherine.

Pamela Quillen Emery '78 is married to park ranger Robert Emery. They live in the state park in Lavonia, Georgia, with sons Christopher, Steven, and Joseph.

Sissy Blossom Fowler '78 has moved to Houston, Texas, with her husband, Ted, who is an electrical engineer with VARCO, Inc. Sissy produces stained glass work from her home.

Truman State University continues to receive the benefits and talents of **Lucy Lee '78** of Columbia, Missouri. She is chair of the foreign languages department and an associate professor of Spanish. After eleven years of driving almost two hours each way to work, she's very much in tune with her vehicle.

Elizabeth Haugabook NeSmith '78 and husband Bob have moved to Tifton, Georgia, where Bob practices law with Simpson, Gray and Cross. Elizabeth is assistant director of the Arts Experiment Station at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. She works for **Syd Willis Blackmarr '54** of Ocilla, Georgia.

Teenage boys keep **Karen McKinney Renner '78** busy in Bon Aqua, Tennessee. "I spend much time driving them around, but am not really prepared to cut them loose to drive themselves or ride with friends. YIKES!" she writes. She also teaches eight yoga classes each week.

Patricia Tate '78 of Central, South Carolina, teaches at Clemson University.

"My beloved 'old bold pilot,' my husband, Ralph, died this year (1997). My grandson got his pilot's license! A re-entry student, I am older than most of you, and my granddaughter was married in October. The cycle circles on!" writes **Bebe Paulette Chrismon '79** of Macon (see *Sympathy*).

Rosewood is the design and landscape company owned by **Nora Kay Appling King '79** of Macon. Nora is also PTA president for Heard Elementary School and stays busy with 10 and 8 year old boys.

1980s

Another beauty queen is among us! **Valerie Edith Cowart '80** of Merrimack, New Hampshire, is Ms. New Hampshire All American and will compete nationally in July. She also is the choral director of the New Searles Singers in Nashua, New Hampshire, and teaches private piano and voice lessons.

The coordinator of tourism management for Charleston, South Carolina, is **Cariene Brown Keadle '80**. She and husband Richard have lived in Summerville for almost ten years.

Lynne White '81 kept her name after marrying last year. She continues to practice law in Lake Mary, Florida, where she focuses on transactional commercial real estate (see *Marriages*).

Congratulations to **Donna Woods '81** who has launched a new business, The Point Arena Soapworks, in Point Arena, California.

Cyndi Bell Burns '83 teaches at Tilson Elementary School in DeKalb County, near her home in Loganville, Georgia; she is a math specialist there.

Loganville is also the home of **Beth Mercer Haley '83**, who works from home as an image consultant for a national cosmetics company, and keeps up with two children, ages nine and five.

July was moving month for **Kim Miller Pounds '83** and her family. They moved to Thomasville, Georgia, to follow Kim's husband, Scott, in his new job. Their girls, Erin and Kathryn, love Brookwood School. Kim is a stay-at-home mom.

Debbie McGee Ambrose '84, took her Pampered Chef business with her to Thomaston, Georgia, last year; they moved so that husband Larry could accept the music minister position at the First Assembly of God. The Ambrose family plans to build there when their house sells in Florida.

Hazel Bodner Berger '85 of Atlanta is expecting her second child this spring. She and husband Randy have one son.

Maria Powell Chapman '85 works with special needs children at Glyndale Elementary School. She lives on St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Atlanta residents **Rebecca Toya Grant '85** and husband Bruce expect their first child this May.

The sandwich generation begins! In addition to caring for their own three boys, **Sara King Pilger '85** and husband John are now also caring for his ailing parents, who recently re-located to Decatur, Georgia, from the Los Angeles area. Sara continues to manage her home-based PR business.

State Farm Insurance Company employs both **Beth Tankersley Register '85** and husband Jim. They live in Austin, Texas, with two-year-old son Scout. (See *Deaths*.)

Maconites **Miriam Morrow Smith '86** and husband Daniel both have close ties to Wesleyan now. Daniel is on the board of associates for the College.

Dana Grinstead Tanner '86 and her husband, Steve, of Hampton Cove, Alabama, adopted children Dee and Yancy a year ago January, bringing the family to a total of six people.

Martin, Snow, Grant and Napier have a new law partner: **Lisa Morgan Edwards '87** of Macon made partner last year.

Last year was a big year in education for **Margaret McKnight Karrh '87** of Gainesville, Florida. She completed a master's degree in May from the University of Florida, with an emphasis in student personnel in higher education. In August she began working on her doctorate in higher education administration. She was also promoted to director of enrollment services at Santa Fe Community College.

Mary Frances Baugh Stewart '87 teaches math at Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia, where

she lives with husband Jeff and their two children.

Recovering nicely from two broken shoulders, **Amanda Blakey '88** of Marietta, Georgia, is happy with her new job as senior associate with BDO Seidman, LLP. She and her mother recently toured small towns and villages in Yorkshire, England. Amanda is still working on her MBA at Georgia State University, but recently spent a weekend in Manhattan with **Sharon Bressoud '93** of Kennesaw, Georgia, shopping and seeing *Miss Saigon*.

1990s

Deborah Hackett Brown '90 is proud of her husband, Brad Brown, who is the new mayor of Brunswick, Georgia.

The wedding of **Lisa Foster '90** of Grand Haven, Michigan, to Kirk Morrow in April 1997 was a virtual Wesleyan reunion. **Tammy Sapp Bailey '90** of Valdosta, **Angela Kerr '90** of Soperton, Georgia, **Angie Humphries Taylor '89** of Marietta, Georgia, **Amy McDaniel '90** of Reynolds, Georgia, and **Stephanie Carroll Odell '92** of Macon were attendants. The wedding was at Glenn Memorial Chapel on the Emory University campus. Kirk is the general accountant for Kysor-Medallion and Lisa is an area sales manager for Elder-Beerman.

A new puppy named Sky lights up the life of **Lori Reese '90**. Lori lives in Greenville, South Carolina, where she was recently promoted to career criminal prosecutor for the county.

Pam Sailors '90 teaches at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, as an assistant professor of philosophy. She received her Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Georgia in 1996.

If traveling was in her plans, **Cynthia Hershey '91** of Benton, Kentucky, got her wish. She is a member of State Farm's National Catastrophe Team. She travels around the country working in areas which have had natural disasters.

Coastal Georgia's *Coastal Courier* is proud to announce the promotion of **Anne Cordeiro '92** of Midway to senior staff writer. She is also a second-place winner in the Georgia Press Association Awards in Division E for investigative reporting and spot news. Anne also recently attended the American Press Institute in Reston, Virginia.

June 1996 brought a master's degree in early childhood education for **LeeAnne Mynatt Dasher '93**, who wed Glen J. Dasher just over a year later in July 1997. They live in Atlanta, where LeeAnne teaches kindergarten (see *Marriages*).

SunTrust Bank in Macon promoted **Lyubena Savova Smith '93** to the position of banking officer.

Jennifer Stiles Williams '93 of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is finishing a master of divinity degree at

Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

"I am currently teaching English at Gadsden State Community College. I also teach piano and play in the Jacksonville and Anniston communities," writes **Katherine Cain '94** of Jacksonville, Alabama. She also plays for West Side Baptist Church.

A year ago, **Tina Gann '94** of Statesboro, Georgia, bought a recycling company with a friend, and since then its been days full of aluminum cans, old washing machines, radiators, and bed frames. She loves it, and says the biggest problems are finding good help and gloves that fit!

Wesleyan College was the site for the wedding of **Sharon Harvey '94** and **Dann Slayden Cross, III**, in October (see *Marriages*). Sharon and Dann live in Marietta, Georgia, where Sharon is working on a doctorate in clinical psychology from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology and works at the Georgia Department of Corrections.

In Savannah, Georgia, **Stephanie Dixon Simmons '94** works for the W. Bradley Company. Stephanie married last fall, and she honeymooned at Martha's Vineyard.

Kim Casey Stanfill '94 is employed by a dentist in Savannah, Tennessee, while she becomes certified to teach. She recently married (see *Marriages*).

A promotion to business analysis at Total System Services in Columbus, Georgia, is the big news from **Allison Wohlbruck '94**.

The dual degree program with Auburn made **Merry Barton '95** a certified engineer. Mary now lives in Beaufort, South Carolina, where she works for a small civil engineering firm. She continues to work toward her PE (professional engineer) certification.

Sharon Brim '96 recently married and now lives and works in Seattle, Washington. She is a benefit analyst for an actuarial consulting firm.

Lisa Hullender '96 works as a computer consultant and software trainer in Atlanta. She also attends Georgia State University, where she is completing a master's degree in instructional technology.

A member of the Class of '96 is a proud grandmother of seven. **Shirley Hendrick Lanford '96** of Macon welcomed Lucy and Chase in September and October of last year.

Macon Mall has a new public relations director. **Aimée Morris Lashley '96** was promoted to the position recently. She reports that she enjoys "girls' weekends" with **Kristin Conley '96** of Fayetteville, Georgia, **Stephanie Miller '96** of Hartwell, Georgia, and **Heather Preuss Kent '96** of Stockbridge, Georgia.

The *Daily Sun* in Warner Robins, Georgia, promoted **Beth Milstead '96** of Macon to entertainment editor last year.

Grad school and a career in chemistry are in the works for **Yehudi Ben-j Self-Medlin '96** of

Charlottesville, Virginia. She's enrolled at the University of Virginia and looking for alumnae involvement in the area.

Georgia "G.G." Connelley '97 is working towards a master of arts degree in the E. Stanly Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism at the Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Wesleyan has a new employee. **Suzanne Grigsby '97** is happy to be back at Wesleyan as the new administrative assistant in the Alumnae Office. She keeps in touch with classmates **Pamela Lavache Davis**, who loves her new job as a reporter on the government and politics beat for the *Warner Robins Daily Sun*, and **Monica Kight**, who works in Student Services at Macon Technical Institute.

The University of South Carolina has accepted **Carrie Herndon '97**, now of West Columbia, South Carolina, into its master of public administration program.

Teresa Lawson '97 is working on a master of accountancy degree from the University of Tennessee. She lives in Knoxville.

Stephanie Pate Lewis '97 of Macon recently received the Sallie Mae New Teachers Award at Northeast High School, where she teaches U. S. history to eleventh graders. (See *Marriages*.)

Shari Prestanski '97 is now working at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sue McMaster Sanda '97 of Macon, last spring's Most Outstanding Senior in Communications, is now a marketing representative for Carlyle Place, a retirement community planned for Macon. Sue and husband David live near Wesleyan with their two children. (See *Sympathy*.)

Suzanne Spooner '97 lives in Atlanta and works for CatsPaw Productions. She joined classmates **Teresa Lawson** and **Carrie Herndon** for **Stephanie Pate's** December wedding in Mobile.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Gloria Anne Dixon '49 of Mountain Brook, Alabama, and **Charles Yarborough**, who were married on October 5, 1997.

Dorothy Rhoden Bailey '62 of Cobbtown, Georgia, and **Jack Hicks** of Statesboro, Georgia, who were married on February 14, 1998.

Fran Strickland Kemp '64 of Lake Mary, Florida, and **John Peter Masse**, who were married November 22, 1997.

Lynne M. White '81 of Lake Mary, Florida, and **Trevor Hall, Jr.**, who were married January 25, 1997. They are living in Lake Mary.

Leigh Gamel '90 of Powder Springs, Georgia, and **William Wates Keller, III**, who were married June 28, 1997. They are living in Smyrna, Georgia.

Rekha Hanu '91 of Baltimore, Maryland, and **James Thomas**, who were married April 17, 1998.

LeeAnne Mynatt '93 of Atlanta and **Glen J. Dasher**, who were married July 19, 1997. They are living in Hagan, Georgia.

Kimberly Casey '94 of Savannah, Tennessee, and **Terry L. Stanfill**, who were married March 1, 1997. They are living in Savannah.

Sharon Harvey '94 of Marietta, Georgia, and **Dann Slayden Cross, III**, who were married October 11, 1997. They are living in Marietta.

Barbara Jane Robinson '95 of Kennesaw, Georgia, and **David Julian Gallay**, who were married November 22, 1997.

Jennifer Carole Wynn '95 of Atlanta and **James Clinton Edge, III**, of Dublin, Georgia, who were married December 6, 1997.

Berthenia "Joy" Moten '96 of Macon and **Filmore Millard Thomas, III**, who were married October 18, 1997, at Wesleyan College.

Heather Lynne Preuss '96 of Morrow, Georgia, and **William Kent**, who were married June 21, 1997. They are living in Stockbridge, Georgia.

Stephanie Pate '97 of Macon and **Jason Lewis** of Macon, who were married on December 27, 1997. They are living in Macon.

Births & Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Lorene Flanders '78 and **Paul Campbell** of Milledgeville, Georgia, on the birth of a daughter, **Jordan Elizabeth Vara**, on November 19, 1997.

Elizabeth Spivey Wheeler '78 and **Richard of Valrico, Florida**, on the birth of a son, **Jonathan Michael**, on October 25, 1996.

Margaret Dillbeck Garland '79 and **Doug** of Roswell, Georgia, on the birth of a son, **Jonathan Douglas**, on February 1, 1997.

Melissa Nichols Showers '83 and **David** of Holt, Missouri, on the birth of a son, **Matthew David**, on January 8, 1998.

Lisa Nicole Scholze Long '85 and **Robert** of Peachtree City, Georgia, on the birth of a son, **Robert George III**, on July 3, 1997.

Laural Eddy Moseley '85 and **Stephen** of Macon on the birth of a daughter, **Hannah Ruth**, on September 24, 1997.

Dawn Miller Sturbaum '86 and **Doug** of Lawrenceville, Georgia, on the birth of a son, **Jonathan Douglas**, born September 30. Proud aunt **Robyn Miller '91** called with the news.

Pam Hissing Jacobson '89 and **Phil** of Coral Springs, Florida, on the birth of a daughter, **Ashleigh Lauren**, on November 21, 1997.

Mary Beth Brown Swearingen '89 and **Dennis** of Macon on the birth of a daughter, **Mary Margaret (Maggie)**, on December 8, 1997.

Penny Whitley Windham '89 and **Andy** of Reynolds, Georgia, on the birth of a son, **Cade Andrew**, on October 20, 1997.



DELEGATES-AT-HOME: Above, Houston Club members Sally Eisen Miller '65, Cecile Sheffield Gullick '92, Judy Day Powell '78, Jill Myers-Knight '80 (front), and Cheryl Grantham Fee '68 celebrate the installation of President Bell on February 21.

Houston Club celebrates Inaugural Day

February 21, 1998, will be remembered as a banner day for Wesleyan alumnae in Houston, Texas. Alumnae chose Inauguration Day as the kick-off meeting date for the new Houston Wesleyan Alumnae Club. While the larger Wesleyan community celebrated the installation of President Nora Kizer Bell as the twenty-third president of Wesleyan College in Macon, Houston alumnae gathered at the home of Cheryl Grantham Fee '68 for a celebration of their own. Judy Day Powell '78 coordinated plans for the event and read a special letter from President Bell, containing passages from her inaugural address, to members of the club.



REMOTE COMMUNICATION: Iris Warren Giller '46 and Patricia Markey Shell '46 read President Bell's letter and excerpts from her Inaugural Address.

Alumnae Admissions Representative Program: Calling All Grads!

Dear Fellow Alumna,

Wesleyan has recently inaugurated our first female president, Dr. Nora Kizer Bell. The historical significance of this event, coupled with Dr. Bell's ambitious vision and dynamic leadership, places Wesleyan in a position for unprecedented growth and accomplishment. **You and I have the unique opportunity to help write the upcoming chapter in Wesleyan's history as our Alma Mater moves to the next level of excellence.**

A graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Dr. Bell brings to Wesleyan an appreciation for the value of a women's-college education. She is one of us! She knows that our experience as students here and the resulting vested interest we have in this place make us **potential investors in her Vision for Wesleyan 2002.**

How can *you* help? **You can invest in the vision for Admissions!**

A major component of Dr. Bell's vision is that within five years Wesleyan will grow to a student body of more than 700. For this to happen, she knows that alumnae must be involved in student recruitment. We, better than any other constituency, can identify and cultivate the kinds of young women who will profit from a Wesleyan education. Dr. Bell has asked me, as associate director of admissions at Wesleyan, to coordinate an Alumnae Admissions initiative. I, too, have a renewed excitement about Wesleyan and I am pleased that alumnae are being asked to play an important role. **The new President needs our support, and now is the time for us to make an impact.**

President Bell has been traveling to visit many of our alumnae clubs; I know many of you have been back on campus during the last year as well. Make sure to meet Dr. Bell personally — listen to her; learn about her vision; see Wesleyan through her eyes. I believe you'll share my excitement and feel that *you must get involved.*

Begin your investment by calling or e-mailing me to let me know you'd be willing to help. Our combined efforts will insure that Wesleyan's current momentum is sustained. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Katherine W. Johnson

Katherine W. Johnson '68 (yes, I just had my 30th reunion!)

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P.S. This spring, alumnae (and even some parents) represented Wesleyan at 18 College Fairs across the country. What a difference it makes!

FOR A GIRL I KNOW ABOUT TO BE A WOMAN

Because you'll find how hard it can be
to tell which part of your body sings,
you never should dally with any young man
who does any one of the following things:

tries to beat all the yellow lights;
says "Big deal!" or "So what?"
more than seven times a day;
ignores yellow lines in a parking lot;

carries a radar detector;
asks what you did with another date;
has more than seven bumper stickers;
drinks beer early and whiskey late;

talks on a cellular phone at lunch;
tunes to radio talk shows;
doesn't fasten his seat belt;
knows more than God knows;

wants you to change how you do your hair;
spits in a polystyrene cup;
doesn't use his turn signal;
wants you to change your makeup;

calls your parents their given names;
doesn't know why you don't smoke;
has dirt under his fingernails;
makes a threat and calls it a joke;

pushes to get you to have one more;
seems to have trouble staying awake;
says "dago" and "wop" and words like that;
swerves a car to hit a snake;
sits at a table wearing a hat;
has a boneless handshake.

You're going to know soon enough
the ones who fail this little test.
Mark them off your list at once
and be very careful of all the rest.

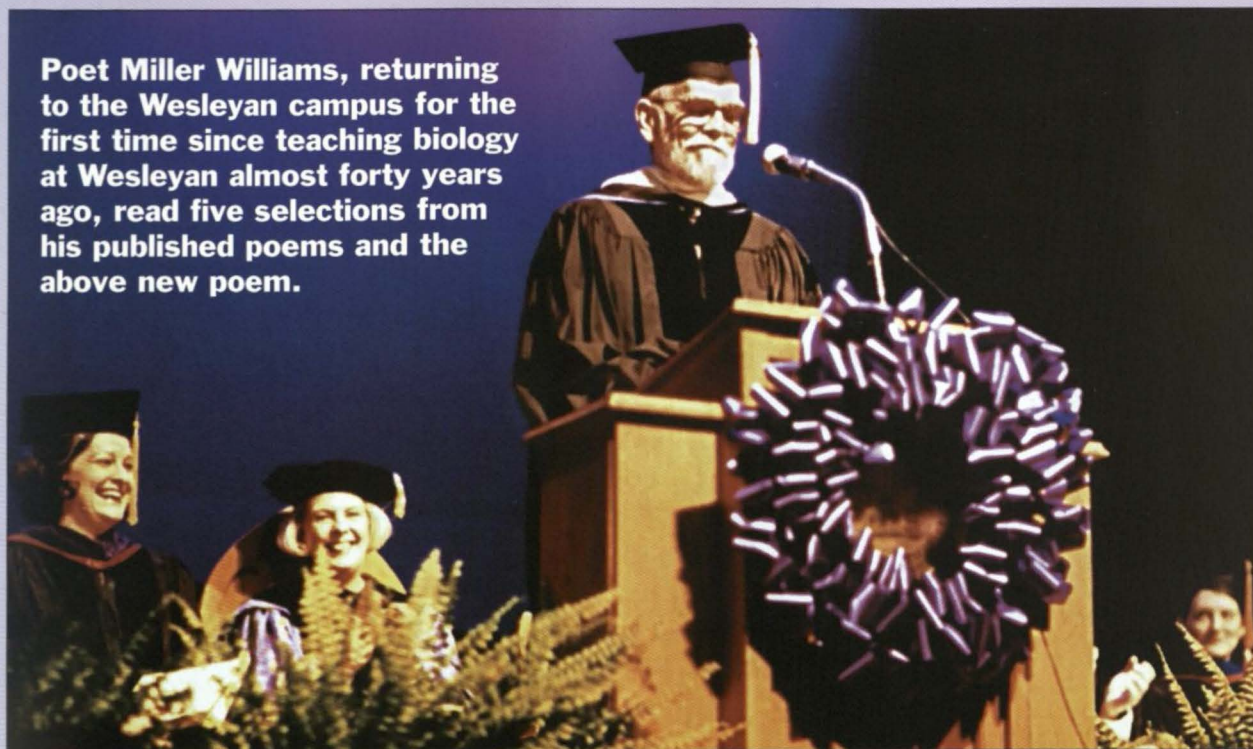
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*Read at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia
21 February 1998*

**Poet Miller Williams, returning
to the Wesleyan campus for the
first time since teaching biology
at Wesleyan almost forty years
ago, read five selections from
his published poems and the
above new poem.**



Summer / Fall Events

June

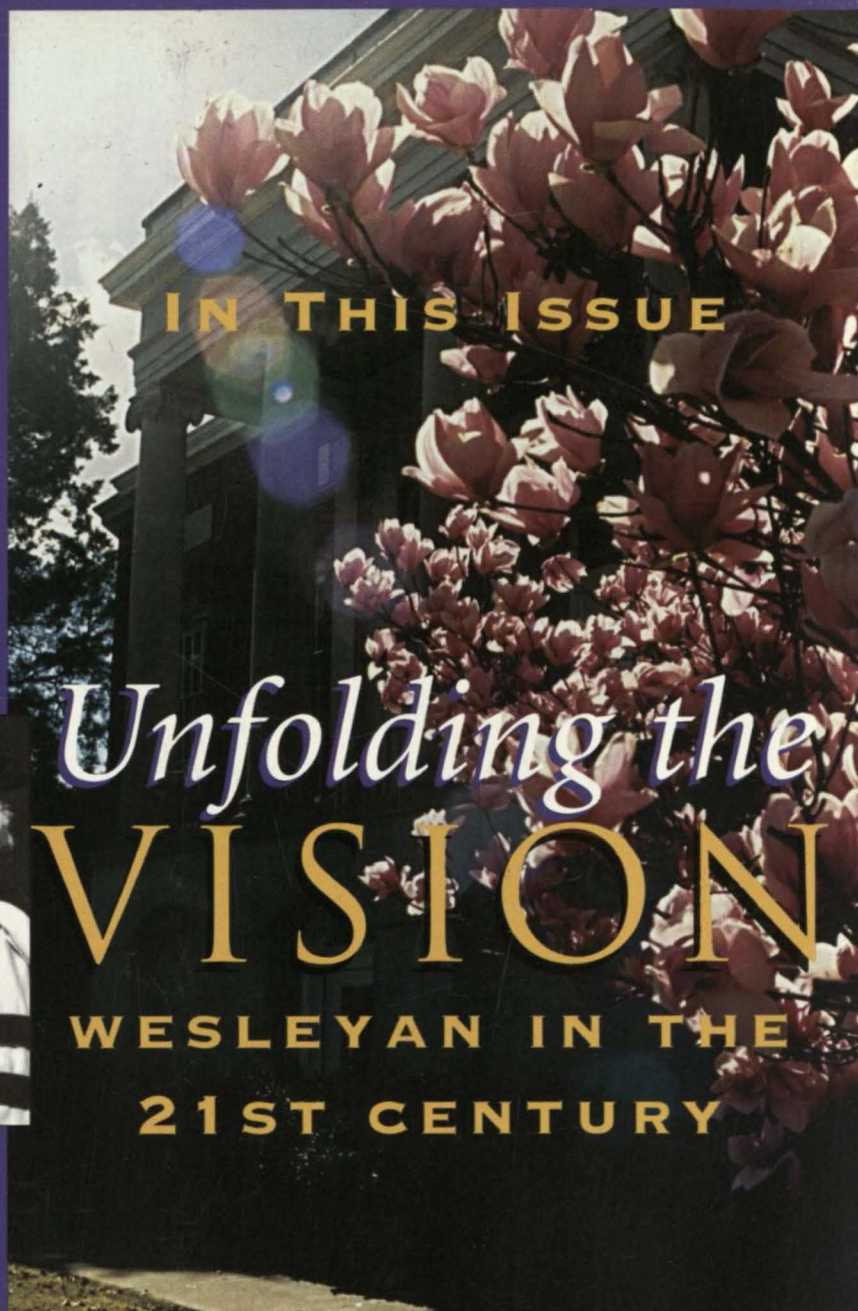
- 6 Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club
Luncheon with President Bell

August

- 22 New students arrive
22-25 Orientation for new students
24 Residence Halls open for
returning students
25 Registration Day
26 Classes begin

September

- 2 Last day to register
7 Labor Day Holiday
10 Fall Convocation, 11:15 a.m.



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